



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO ASK EVERYONE  
7   TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BEGIN OUR MEETING TODAY. WE WILL BE  
8   LED IN OUR INVOCATION BY THE REVEREND CATHERINE WAGAR,  
9   ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN, OLIVE VIEW-U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN  
10  SYLMAR AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY STEPHANIE  
11  STONE, OUR OWN CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY  
12  AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, RETIRED, UNITED STATES NAVY. REVEREND?  
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14 **REV. CATHERINE WAGAR:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND HONORABLE MEMBERS OF  
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
16 HERE THIS MORNING AND TO SHARE WITH YOU AN INVOCATION AS YOU  
17 BEGIN YOUR WORK TODAY. LET US PRAY. HOLY GOD, WE OFFER THANKS  
18 FOR THIS DAY DURING WHICH THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THESE  
19 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR STAFF MEMBERS, WILL HEAR AND  
20 DELIBERATE ON A BROAD AND VERY DIVERSE AGENDA. WE ASK THAT  
21 THEY FEEL YOUR WISDOM AND STRENGTH AND THAT A SPIRIT OF  
22 GENEROSITY AND JUSTICE TOUCHES THEM AND ALL THOSE PEOPLE WITH  
23 WHOM THEY CONDUCT BUSINESS TODAY. GIVE GRACE TO THIS ENTIRE  
24 ASSEMBLY, OH GOD, SO THAT WHATEVER WORK IS UNDERTAKEN HERE IS  
25 FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND THAT NO ONE SEEKS TO FULFILL SELF-

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1 SERVING INTERESTS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHERS. WE GIVE THANKS FOR  
2 THE DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE SUPERVISORS WORKING ON  
3 BEHALF OF ALL PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. WE ALSO GIVE THANKS FOR  
4 THE MANY TALENTS AND GIFTS POSSESSED BY THOSE WHO LIVE AND  
5 WORK HERE. TODAY WE PRAY FOR AN END TO THE DIFFICULTIES AND  
6 CHALLENGES FACED BY MANY PEOPLE, A LACK OF SUSTAINING WORK, A  
7 NEED FOR FOOD, FOR SAFE AND SECURE HOUSING, FOR HEALTHCARE AND  
8 FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION THAT HELPS ALL CHILDREN TO LEARN AND  
9 GROW. MAY WE ALL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE  
10 AMONG ALL PEOPLE AND MAY WE WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE THAT EACH  
11 PERSON IS ABLE TO MEET HIS OR HER MOST BASIC NEEDS. IN ALL  
12 THAT IS SAID AND DONE TODAY IN THIS ASSEMBLY ROOM, MAY WE  
13 REMAIN AWARE THAT EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP BEARS WITNESS TO OUR  
14 COMMON VISION AND SERVES CONSTITUENTS WITH COMPASSION AND  
15 INTEGRITY. HELP US, OH GOD, TO BE THE LEADERS AND FOLLOWERS  
16 YOU HAVE CALLED US TO BE. IN CLOSING, I QUOTE FROM THE  
17 WRITINGS OF THEOLOGIAN AND PREACHER WILLIAM SLOAN COFFIN. MAY  
18 GOD GIVE YOU GRACE NEVER TO SELL YOURSELF SHORT, GRACE TO RISK  
19 SOMETHING BIG FOR SOMETHING GOOD, GRACE TO REMEMBER THAT THE  
20 WORLD IS NOW TOO DANGEROUS FOR ANYTHING BUT TRUTH, AND TOO  
21 SMALL FOR ANYTHING BUT LOVE. AMEN.

22

23 **STEPHANIE STONE:** PLEASE PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART  
24 AND REPEAT AFTER ME. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, ONCE AGAIN IT'S A  
4    PLEASURE TO WELCOME REVEREND CATHERINE WAGAR, WHO IS AN  
5    ORDAINED EPISCOPAL DEACON IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS  
6    ANGELES. SHE IS VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN AT OLIVE VIEW- U.C.L.A.  
7    MEDICAL CENTER TO PROVIDE SPIRITUAL CARE TO PATIENTS, THEIR  
8    FAMILIES AND STAFF. SHE SERVES AS PARISH DEACON AT THE  
9    EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE EVANGELIST IN LOS ANGELES  
10    WHERE SHE COORDINATES THE TWICE MONTHLY CAFE SERVING THE HOT  
11    LUNCHEES TO THE COMMUNITY. SHE'S MARRIED TO BRUCE RANKIN AND WE  
12    APPRECIATE HER FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN OUR OPENING  
13    INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED  
16    WITH THE AGENDA, PLEASE.

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18    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,  
19    MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2,  
20    PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE  
21    POSTED AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
22    CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 16, 2014. ON S-1. ON PAGE 3, AGENDA FOR  
23    THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON THIS  
24    ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
25    IT. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING

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1 AUTHORITY, ITEM NO. 1-H, ALSO ON THIS ITEM THERE'S A REQUEST  
2 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 5,  
3 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE  
4 DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED  
7 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
10 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 2,  
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
13 WEEK TO AUGUST 19, 2014.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 5, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER  
19 2, 2014.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
24 THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
25 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS AS INDICATED

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1 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM SUPERVISOR  
2 KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD.  
3 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE  
4 YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE  
7 IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
8 ORDERED.

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10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
11 10 THROUGH 35. ON ITEM NO. 10, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
12 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
13 NO. 11, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
14 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ALSO ON  
16 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE.  
17 ON ITEM NO. 14, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS OF THE  
18 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A REQUEST  
23 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 16?



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES. THERE WAS A LATE SIGN UP.  
3 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
4 ITEM.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO-- EXCUSE ME, ON ITEM  
9 NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
10 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 25, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT  
11 THIS ITEM BE HELD.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 19 IS A HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES. 25 WE WILL HOLD FOR  
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON ITEM NO. 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28,  
18 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS  
19 ITEM. AND ON ITEMS NO. 33, 34 AND 35, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
20 EITHER A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.  
21 THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
24 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 21, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM  
3 NO. 36 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS  
4 IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT A  
5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF 2014/'15 TAX AND  
6 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN COUNTY SCHOOL  
7 DISTRICTS AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF PARTICIPATION  
8 CERTIFICATES IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
9 \$36,900,000. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** PAGE 22, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
15 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
16 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
17 ITEM NO. 37-A, SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
18 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO AUGUST 19, 2014.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 25, NOTICES OF CLOSED  
23 SESSION, ON ITEMS NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-3, THERE'S A REQUEST  
24 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. AND THAT

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1 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

2 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS ONCE AGAIN IT'S A  
7 PLEASURE TO WELCOME THE NISEI WEEK TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
8 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS WE WELCOME THEM TO THE ANNUAL NISEI  
9 WEEK JAPANESE FESTIVAL. MANY OF YOU ATTENDED THE PARADE. THERE  
10 WERE THOUSANDS THERE ON SUNDAY. MANY OF YOU ATTENDED THE  
11 DINNER AND THE COORDINATION ON SATURDAY AT THE JAPANESE  
12 CULTURAL CENTER. THIS IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY, ONE OF OUR LARGER PARADES WHERE THE COMMUNITY COMES  
14 TOGETHER. AND TODAY WE HAVE THE PROMOTERS, THE CULTURAL  
15 EXHIBITS. THE STREET ARTS FESTIVAL, THE GRAND PARADE AND A CAR  
16 SHOW. TODAY MICHELLE HIROSE FROM THE LITTLE TOKYO BUSINESS  
17 ASSOCIATION IS HERE TO HELP COORDINATE. THIS YEAR'S QUEEN IS  
18 TORI NISHINAKA-LEON WHO IS 24 YEARS OLD AND A GRADUATE FROM  
19 OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. SHE  
20 CURRENTLY WORKS AT THE OFFICE OF MATTHEW MANISUKI, A DOCTOR IN  
21 PASADENA, AND PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN OPTOMETRY. SHE  
22 ENJOYS GOLF, PRACTICING YOGA AND GARDENING. AND THIS YEAR SHE  
23 SUPPORTS THE DOVE SELF-ESTEEM PLATFORM AS HER PLATFORM. AND  
24 HER FAVORITE QUOTE: "START WHERE YOU ARE, USE WHAT YOU HAVE  
25 AND DO WHAT YOU CAN." [APPLAUSE.] FIRST PRINCESS IS LINDSAY

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1 EMIKO SUGIMOTO. SHE'S 22 YEARS OLD AND A GRADUATE OF THE  
2 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS  
3 ADMINISTRATION AND POLITICAL SCIENCE. SHE CURRENTLY WORKS AT  
4 THE LAW FIRM OF SIKE, NISHIMURA AND WATASE, AND PLANS TO  
5 ATTEND LAW SCHOOL. SHE TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD AND TRYING  
6 VERY DIFFERENT RESTAURANTS. THIS YEAR SHE WILL SUPPORT THE  
7 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AS HER PLATFORM. AND HER FAVORITE  
8 QUOTE BY MAYA ANGELOU, "I'VE LEARNED THAT PEOPLE FORGET WHAT  
9 YOU SAID, PEOPLE FORGET WHAT YOU DID, BUT THEY NEVER FORGET  
10 HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL." MISS TOMADACHI ASHLEY AKEMI ARIKAWA  
11 IS 23 YEARS OLD, GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,  
12 IRVINE, WITH A DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. SHE PLANS TO  
13 PURSUE A CAREER IN CORPORATE COMMUNICATION AND CURRENTLY WORKS  
14 AT J. MOREY COMPANY INSURANCE AGENCY AS A SOCIAL MEDIA AND  
15 COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORDINATOR. SHE ENJOYS BALLROOM DANCING,  
16 HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS AND VOLUNTEERING IN HER COMMUNITY.  
17 THIS YEAR, SHE WILL SUPPORT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION AS HER  
18 PLATFORM. AND HER FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY WINSTON CHURCHILL, "WE  
19 MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET. WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE."  
20 [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS MELISSA SAYURI KOZONO IS 23 YEARS OLD, A  
21 GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES WITH A  
22 DEGREE IN HISTORY. CURRENTLY WORKS AS A PROGRAMS ASSOCIATE AT  
23 THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY JAPANESE COMMUNITY CENTER AND  
24 HOPES TO CONTINUE HER CAREER IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT. SHE  
25 ENJOYS TRAVELING, DOING JAPANESE CLASSICAL DANCE AND GOING TO

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1 DISNEYLAND. THIS YEAR SHE WILL SUPPORT THE CITY OF HOPE AS HER  
2 PLATFORM, AND HER FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY JOHN WOODEN. "DO NOT  
3 LET WHAT YOU CANNOT DO INTERFERE WITH WHAT YOU CAN DO."  
4 [APPLAUSE.] PRINCESS TIFFANY HASHIMOTO, IS A 23-YEAR-OLD, A  
5 GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WITH A DEGREE  
6 IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING. SHE PLANS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN FOOD  
7 SCIENCE AT CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY AND PLANS TO CONDUCT RESEARCH  
8 AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTHIER AND MORE NUTRITIOUS FOODS. GET  
9 THE PEOPLE OUT OF MCDONALD'S, RIGHT? THERE YOU GO. TIFFANY  
10 ENJOYS RUNNING, PAINTING AND COOKING. THIS YEAR SHE WILL  
11 SUPPORT THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION AS HER PLATFORM. HER  
12 FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY AN ANONYMOUS SOURCE, "BE STRONG WHEN  
13 YOU'RE WEAK, BRAVE WHEN YOU ARE SCARED, AND HUMBLE WHEN YOU  
14 ARE VICTORIOUS." AND PRINCESS DOMINIQUE MASHBURN IS 22-YEAR-  
15 OLD, ATTENDS THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES,  
16 PURSUING A DEGREE IN GEOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE. SHE  
17 CURRENTLY WORKS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES  
18 FUND AS A STUDENT FUND-RAISER. SHE ENJOYS WATCHING MOTION  
19 PICTURES AND TUTORING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THIS YEAR  
20 SHE WILL SUPPORT THE AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA AS HER  
21 PLATFORM. AND HER FAVORITE QUOTE IS BY RALPH WALDO EMERSON,  
22 "DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD; GO, INSTEAD, WHERE THERE  
23 IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL." [APPLAUSE.]  
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1   **TORI NISHINAKA-LEON:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS TORI  
2   NISHINAKA-LEON. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE AS THE 2014 NISEI  
3   WEEK QUEEN. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY ON BEHALF OF THE COURT AND I,  
4   THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO  
5   SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH, AND FOR SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA  
6   FOR REPRESENTING US AND FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. WE'D ALSO LIKE  
7   TO INVITE YOU TO OUR CLOSING CEREMONY IN LITTLE TOKYO ON  
8   SUNDAY AT 3 O'CLOCK TO DO STREET DANCING. YOU SHOULD ALL COME  
9   OUT. IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT TIME. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT  
10   TO YOU OFFICIAL NISEI WEEK BOOKLETS TO THE SUPERVISORS.  
11   LADIES, IF YOU DON'T MIND. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US.  
12   [APPLAUSE.]

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14   **MICHAEL KOMOTO:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF  
15   SUPERVISORS, FOR HAVING US THIS MORNING. MY NAME IS MICHAEL  
16   KOMOTO, I'M THE PRESIDENT OF NISEI WEEK FOUNDATION. NISEI WEEK  
17   FOUNDATION IS ALL VOLUNTEER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. AND OUR  
18   MISSION IS TO PROMOTE JAPANESE AND JAPANESE-AMERICAN CULTURE  
19   AND TRADITIONS WHILE BRINGING TOGETHER THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES  
20   OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THROUGH ARTS AND CULTURAL EDUCATION. WE  
21   ARE VERY HAPPY THAT WE HAVE THIS EVENT IN THE HISTORICAL  
22   LITTLE TOKYO COMMUNITY. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE  
23   ARE PRETTY MUCH HALFWAY DONE WITH THE FESTIVAL, BUT THIS  
24   COMING WEEKEND AS TORI MENTIONED, WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF  
25   EXCITEMENT COMING UP. AND EVERY YEAR WE ADD SOMETHING NEW TO



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1 OUR PROGRAM. WE WERE ABLE TO ADD, THROUGH THE HELP OF THE L.A.  
2 COUNTY, WE WERE ABLE TO ADD FASHION EVENT THIS YEAR FEATURING  
3 KIMONO OF CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL. AND THIS COMING  
4 WEEKEND, WE WILL BE ADDING ANOTHER NEW FEATURE OF RAMEN  
5 FESTIVAL, WHICH IS LIKE NOODLE FESTIVAL, WHICH IS NEW. SO I  
6 ENCOURAGE YOU TO COME SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND. AND AS  
7 TORI MENTIONED, SUNDAY IS THE CLOSING CEREMONY. IT WILL BE  
8 DANCING ON THE FIRST STREET. SO PLEASE JOIN US. THANK YOU VERY  
9 MUCH FOR HAVING US THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HAVE LITTLE TITI, SHE'S A CHIHUAHUA  
12 MIX, SHE'S 12 WEEKS OLD. LITTLE TITI. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A  
13 HOME. ANYBODY LOOKING TO ADOPT HER CAN CALL 562-322-8762. AND  
14 LITTLE TITI CAN BE YOUR LITTLE TITI. THERE'S CHARLES AND  
15 MARTHA HOUSE. WE SEE THEM. MAYBE THEY WANT TO ADOPT TITI? HUH?  
16 LOVE TO GO TO HACIENDA HEIGHTS. LET ME JUST ADD THAT BILL  
17 FUJIOKA AND DARLENE AND HIS MOM WERE IN THAT PARADE AND WERE  
18 HONORED, AS WELL, ON SUNDAY.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO ASK CHARLES AND MARTHA  
21 HOUSE AND IRMA SCHUB AND EILEEN HOLDER FROM MEALS ON WHEELS IN  
22 INDUSTRY TO JOIN ME FOR THIS PRESENTATION. JOINING THEM ARE  
23 JOE GARDENER, PRESIDENT OF MEALS ON WHEELS AND HIS WIFE DEBBY.  
24 TODAY WE ARE RECOGNIZING FOUR VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE FROM  
25 HACIENDA HEIGHTS WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME TO THE MEALS AND

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1 WHEELS WHICH IS, AS WE ALL KNOW, A NONPROFIT, VOLUNTEER  
2 DRIVEN, COMMUNITY SERVICE FOOD DELIVERY PROGRAM WITHIN THE SAN  
3 GABRIEL VALLEY. THEY DELIVER WELL BALANCED MEALS TO PEOPLE WHO  
4 HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING MEALS DUE TO PHYSICAL OR MENTAL OR  
5 FINANCIAL CONDITIONS. MARTHA HOUSE IS CELEBRATING HER 25TH  
6 ANNIVERSARY AS A BOARD PRESIDENT AND PAST PRESIDENT OF MEALS  
7 ON WHEELS. IN 1989 SHE JOINED MEALS ON WHEELS AND CURRENTLY  
8 SERVES AS TREASURER AND EVENTS CHAIR. SHE'S ALSO RESPONSIBLE  
9 FOR FILING GOVERNMENT REPORTS, GRANT WRITING, ORGANIZING THE  
10 VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION EVENT, THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AND  
11 FUNDRAISING. CHARLES HOUSE IS CELEBRATING HIS 20TH ANNIVERSARY  
12 WITH MEALS ON WHEELS. IN 1994 HE JOINED MEALS ON WHEELS AND IN  
13 1996 HE BECAME PRESIDENT, SERVING IN THAT CAPACITY FOR 12  
14 YEARS. HE'S A PRINCIPAL FUND-RAISER WHO WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE  
15 FOR OBTAINING THEIR FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE 14 YEARS AGO.  
16 BOTH CHARLES AND MARTHA ARE 45-YEAR RESIDENTS OF HACIENDA  
17 HEIGHTS AND ARE INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS CLUBS AND COMMUNITY  
18 ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE EXTREMELY INVOLVED AND BENEFICIAL AND  
19 INFLUENTIAL IN THE COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. IRMA SCHUB  
20 IS CELEBRATING HER 25TH ANNIVERSARY AS A VOLUNTEER DRIVER FOR  
21 MEALS ON WHEELS. IRMA, WHO IS A 51-YEAR HACIENDA HEIGHTS  
22 RESIDENT, JOINED MEALS IN 1989 AS A VOLUNTEER DRIVER. AFTER 25  
23 YEARS, SHE IS THE ONLY DRIVER TO REACH SUCH A MILESTONE. SHE  
24 CURRENTLY DONATES THREE HOURS OF HER TIME ONCE A WEEK. SHE IS  
25 A TIRELESS AND UNSELFISH VOLUNTEER WHO RECEIVES GREAT

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1 SATISFACTION IN DELIVERING MEALS AND SHOWING THE RECIPIENTS  
2 AND MAKING SURE AND KNOWING THAT THE RECIPIENTS WILL HAVE  
3 HEALTHY MEALS TO EAT. EILEEN HOLDER IS CELEBRATING HER 21ST  
4 ANNIVERSARY AS A BOARD MEMBER AND VOLUNTEER DRIVER FOR MEALS  
5 ON WHEELS. SHE IS A 50-YEAR RESIDENT AND FORMER FIRST  
6 LIEUTENANT IN THE ARMY NURSE CORPS WHO JOINED MEALS IN 1993 AS  
7 A VOLUNTEER DRIVER AND IN 1994 SHE BECAME A BOARD MEMBER. SHE  
8 ALSO SERVES AS THE OPERATION LIAISON ASSISTING THE  
9 ADMINISTRATOR. SHE IS A TIRELESS AND SELFLESS VOLUNTEER WHO  
10 RECEIVES GREAT SATISFACTION IN DELIVERING MEALS AS THE DRIVERS  
11 ARE IN MANY CASES ARE THE RECIPIENTS' ONLY OUTSIDE CONTACT. SO  
12 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE FOLKS AT HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND  
13 MOST IMPORTANTLY THOSE THAT ARE THE BENEFICIARY OF THE MEALS  
14 ON WHEELS, WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THEM ALL AND I HAVE A  
15 SCROLL TO PRESENT THEM. ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS, YOU MIGHT  
16 WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS HERE.

17

18 **MARTHA HOUSE:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY, I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN  
19 ON THE FREEWAY FOR THREE DAYS, BUT IT'S STILL MORNING. FIRST  
20 OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO SAY WHAT A WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION MEALS ON  
21 WHEELS IS. WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE ORGANIZATION, I DECIDED  
22 THAT I NEEDED TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY, NEVER KNOWING  
23 THAT I'D LAST FOR 25 YEARS. BUT I WOULDN'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR  
24 THIS ORGANIZATION. AND IT HAS BEEN A REAL PLEASURE FOR ME TO  
25 DO THIS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **CHARLES HOUSE:** THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH. I'M DELIGHTED TO  
3 BE HERE ALSO. AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR DON KNABE FOR HIS  
4 UNSWERVING SUPPORT NOT ONLY OF CONCERTS IN THE PARK AND MEALS  
5 ON WHEELS BUT FOR THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF HACIENDA  
6 HEIGHTS. ABOUT 21 YEARS AGO MARTHA AND I USED TO GO TO VARIOUS  
7 CITIES IN THE COUNTY TO LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERTS. AND WE  
8 THOUGHT THAT WAS A GOOD WAY TO SPEND OUR WEEKENDS, TO HEAR  
9 FAMILY-FRIENDLY MUSIC. AND IN EACH OF THESE CITIES WE WOULD  
10 SEE SOMEONE FROM HACIENDA HEIGHTS. AND SO MARTHA SAID: WHY  
11 DON'T WE CONTACT DON KNABE, MEANING ME, AND ASK HIM TO GIVE US  
12 SOME SEED MONEY TO START OUR CONCERTS? AT THE TIME HE WORKED  
13 FOR SUPERVISOR DEANE DANA AND HE DID. AND 20 YEARS LATER, THIS  
14 IS WHAT WE HAVE, SOME OF THE FINEST CONCERTS IN SOUTHERN  
15 CALIFORNIA. AND TONIGHT WE'RE FEATURING THE THREE MO' TENORS.  
16 SO PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN US. HAVE A NICE TIME. TONIGHT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO WE WANT TO AGAIN GIVE A  
19 BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO MEALS ON WHEELS, 25 YEARS OF SERVICE  
20 TO HACIENDA HEIGHTS. [APPLAUSE.] NOW CHARLES JUST TOOK AWAY  
21 THE NEXT PRESENTATION BECAUSE I'M GOING TO ASK CHARLES AND  
22 MARTHA, SO WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED OUT IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS, BUT  
23 THEY DID IT, 20 YEARS. I TELL YOU, IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN TO ONE,  
24 THEY'RE FREE FOR THE COMMUNITY. SOMETIMES THEY GET AS MANY AS  
25 5,000 PEOPLE OUT THERE TO WATCH THIS. IT'S AN INCREDIBLE

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1 EVENING. LIKE YOU SAID TONIGHT THEY HAVE THE THREE MO' TENORS  
2 OUT THERE. SO THEY'VE HAD GREAT PROGRAMS. AND SO I DON'T KNOW  
3 WHAT ELSE I CAN ADD TO CHARLES'S PRESENTATION. BUT CHARLES AND  
4 MARTHA, NOT ONLY YOU HEARD THEM ABOUT THEIR MEALS ON WHEELS,  
5 BUT GETTING THE CONCERTS IN THE PARK GOING. I KNOW IN THE  
6 TIMES THAT I'M ABLE TO GET OUT THERE TO SEE AN EVENT, THE  
7 THANK YOUS TO CHARLES AND MARTHA AND THEIR COMMITTEE. I THINK  
8 THERE'S SOME FOLKS HERE FROM THE CONCERTS IN THE PARK. YEAH,  
9 THE PURPLE T SHIRTS OR PURPLE SHIRTS HERE. STAND UP. SOME  
10 BOARD MEMBERS. ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.] SO WE WANTED TO HAVE  
11 THEM DOWN HERE FOR MEALS AND WHEELS. WE THOUGHT WE'D SURPRISE  
12 THEM AND PRESENT THEM ANOTHER SCROLL AND LET CHARLES DO THE  
13 INTRODUCTION AND THANK THEM FOR 20 YEARS OF CONCERTS IN THE  
14 PARK, NOT JUST TO THEM BUT TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
15 AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS. HERE YOU GO.  
16 [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **CHARLES HOLDER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE THING ABOUT EILEEN  
19 HOLDER. SHE'S 92 YEARS OF AGE AND SHE'S A WORLD WAR II, SHE'S  
20 A LIEUTENANT DURING WORLD WAR II. AND SHE IS STILL WORKING  
21 VERY, VERY HARD FOR MEALS ON WHEELS. WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY  
22 MUCH. AND WE ALSO APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR DON KNABE'S SUPPORT OF  
23 HACIENDA HEIGHTS. EVEN THOUGH WE'RE NOT A CITY, HE HAS ALWAYS  
24 TREATED US VERY, VERY WELL. AND MY DEAR FRIEND MIKE LEWIS  
25 DOESN'T LIKE FOR ME TO SAY THIS, BUT I HAVE TO SAY IT BECAUSE

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1 IT'S TRUE. DON KNABE'S DONE MORE FOR HACIENDA HEIGHTS THAN ALL  
2 OF HIS PREDECESSORS COMBINED. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT VERY,  
3 VERY MUCH. AND WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH'S  
4 SUPPORT OF OUR MEALS ON WHEELS AND ALSO SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR  
5 PROVIDING US WITH THE TRANSPORTATION AND ALSO FOR CONNIE  
6 DOUGLAS AND YOUR ENTIRE STAFF. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.  
7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. HE'S ALSO RETIRED FROM OUR  
10 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ALL RIGHT. SO NOW IT'S MY PLEASURE TO  
11 CALL UP DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, HIS WIFE KAREN AND SON ANDREW.  
12 BRING HIM UP. [APPLAUSE.] WOW. THIS IS JUST LIKE DODGERS  
13 STADIUM. (APPLAUSE AND CHEERING CONTINUES). HOW DID YOU GET  
14 THAT SIGN THROUGH SECURITY? [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY, ALL RIGHT. SO  
15 HE'S NOT LEAVING. THAT WAS A JOKE. [LAUGHTER.] BUT, FIRST OF  
16 ALL, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE JONATHAN AND KAREN. I UNDERSTAND  
17 THEY'RE GOING TO BE CELEBRATING THEIR 38TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
18 LATER THIS MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS, FIRST OF ALL, ON 38 YEARS.  
19 [APPLAUSE.] AS WE ALL KNOW, DR. FIELDING WILL BE RETIRING FROM  
20 HIS POSITION AS OUR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH  
21 OFFICER, POSITIONS THAT HE'S SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR THE  
22 PAST 16 YEARS. DIRECTING A STAFF OF NEARLY 4,000, HE HAS  
23 CONTRIBUTED TO THE INNOVATIONS IN THE AREAS OF CHRONIC DISEASE  
24 PREVENTION, RESTAURANT LETTER GRADING. HE WASN'T POPULAR IN  
25 THE BEGINNING BUT HE'S POPULAR NOW. [LAUGHTER.] GO GIVE THEM



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1 AN A. [LAUGHTER.] AND SO HE'S ALSO, YOU KNOW, VERY INVOLVED IN  
2 OUR NUTRITIONAL LABELING PROGRAMS AND JUST TO NAME A FEW OF  
3 THOSE. HE'S ALSO A PROMINENT NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERT AND  
4 SERVES AS AN APPOINTEE OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY GROUP ON  
5 PREVENTION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND INTEGRATIVE HEALTH. HE'S  
6 DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO MENTORING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HEALTH  
7 PROFESSIONALS AS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR FOR THE SCHOOLS OF  
8 MEDICINE AND PUBLIC HEALTH AT U.C.L.A.. HE'S ALSO AUTHORED  
9 NUMEROUS PUBLICATIONS ON PUBLIC HEALTH. BUT NOT TO BE  
10 FORGOTTEN IS DR. FIELDING'S OTHER CONTRIBUTION. DURING PUBLIC  
11 HEALTH EMERGENCIES, DR. FIELDING WAS THE CALMING AND  
12 REASSURING VOICE ON THE RADIO, ON THE TELEVISION AND RIGHT  
13 HERE THAT INFORMED THE PUBLIC AND GUIDED THE MEDIA ON WHAT THE  
14 PROPER RESPONSE SHOULD BE. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND OUR  
15 10 MILLION RESIDENTS AND YOUR VERY CARING DEPARTMENT, WE WANT  
16 TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL AND WISH YOU GODSPEED AND GOOD  
17 HEALTH IN YOUR RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** YOU KNOW, I DECIDED THAT STANDING UP  
20 HERE IS MORE FUN THAN SITTING AT THE CENTER TABLE. [LAUGHTER.]  
21 WELL, FIRST OF ALL, MY THANKS TO MY WONDERFUL FAMILY. THIS IS  
22 A JOB THAT TAKES A TOLL. AND YOU NEED TO HAVE A FAMILY WHO'S  
23 VERY SUPPORTIVE AND SAYS IT'S OKAY. AND MY WONDERFUL WIFE  
24 KAREN, MY SONS ANDREW AND PRESTON, HAVE BEEN VERY, VERY  
25 SUPPORTIVE AND I REALLY THANK THEM FOR THAT. I WANT TO THANK

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1 TEAM PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU'RE THE BEST. YOU'RE MISSION-DRIVEN,  
2 YOU'RE UNHERALDED. YOU DO SO MUCH EVERY DAY THAT'S INVISIBLE.  
3 BUT THIS IS A DAY TO BE VERY PROUD OF WHAT YOU'VE DONE AND TO  
4 CELEBRATE SOME OF YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS. MY THANKS TO THE BOARD  
5 FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THIS ROLE FOR THE  
6 PAST 16 YEARS. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY ACTIONS ON BEHALF  
7 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NONE MORE IMPORTANT THAN CREATING A SEPARATE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. OUR MISSION IS SIMPLE BUT IT'S  
9 DAUNTINGLY BROAD: TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF EVERY  
10 SINGLE RESIDENT, INCLUDING ALL THE ONES IN THIS ROOM, TO  
11 PROTECT THEIR HEALTH AND PROMOTE BETTER HEALTH FOR THEM. OVER  
12 THIS LAST 16 YEARS, WE FACED SOME NOVEL AND IMMEDIATE THREATS  
13 FROM BIOLOGICAL, CHEMICAL AND RADIOLOGIC TERRORISM  
14 POSSIBILITIES TO NEW INFECTIOUS DISEASES LIKE WEST NILE, SWINE  
15 FLU, BIRD FLU, M.R.S.A., AND S.A.R.S. AND MOST RECENTLY OF  
16 COURSE, EBOLA. AND EVEN RESURGENT VACCINE-PREVENTABLE  
17 DISEASES. WE SEE A RESURGENCE OF WHOOPING COUGH AND WE SEE  
18 EVIDENCE OF MEASLES IN OUR POPULATIONS. WE'VE SEEN AN  
19 UNPRECEDENTED INCREASE IN OBESITY WITH THE RESULTANT INCREASE  
20 IN DIABETES AND THE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT THAT THEN LEADS TO.  
21 AND WE HAVE FACED PERSISTENT ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS. WE STILL  
22 HAVE SIGNIFICANT AIR POLLUTION. WE HAVE LEAD POISONING. WE  
23 HAVE CHROMIUM 6 AND OTHERS. WE'RE ALSO CONFRONTING AN EPIDEMIC  
24 OF OPIATE USE AND POSSIBLE INCREASES IN NICOTINE ADDICTION DUE  
25 TO THE PROMOTION OF E-CIGARETTES NOW TO OUR YOUTH. WE'VE ALSO

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1 FACED LEGAL CHALLENGES, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY DEFEATED BALLOT  
2 INITIATIVE THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO  
3 CREATE ITS OWN PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. SO, HOW ARE WE DOING  
4 TO ADDRESS THESE AND OTHER THREATS TO OUR UNIQUELY DIVERSE  
5 POPULATION? WHEN I SAY "WE", I MEAN PUBLIC HEALTH WRIT BROAD.  
6 OUR MANY PARTNERS, GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, WONDERFUL COUNTY  
7 COLLABORATORS, THE C.E.O., NONPROFIT EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,  
8 CITIES, COMMUNITIES, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT,  
9 THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND LET'S NOT FORGET THE PRIVATE SECTOR.  
10 WELL, THE VERY GOOD NEWS IS THE PUBLIC'S HEALTH IS DEFINITELY  
11 IMPROVING. OVER THE LAST 16 YEARS, L.A. HAS EXPERIENCED A  
12 REMARKABLE 3-1/2 YEAR INCREASE IN AVERAGE LONGEVITY. WE ARE  
13 NOW WELL ABOVE 80. WE'RE TO 81.5 YEARS. THIS HAS RESULTED FROM  
14 A REMARKABLE 25 PERCENT REDUCTION IN DEATH RATES, A 37 PERCENT  
15 REDUCTION IN MORTALITY FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND A 35  
16 PERCENT REDUCTION IN MORTALITY FROM STROKE, A 41 PERCENT  
17 DECLINE IN LUNG CANCER AND A 26 PERCENT DECLINE IN INFANT  
18 MORTALITY. WE'VE ALSO MADE HUGE PROGRESS IN HEALTHY BEHAVIORS.  
19 IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE WHEN YOU THINK BACK THEN THAT WE'VE HAD A  
20 PRECIPITOUS 72 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ADULT SMOKERS AND 63  
21 PERCENT DECLINE IN TEEN SMOKERS. THE TEEN SMOKING RIGHT NOW IN  
22 YOUR COUNTY IS ONLY 6.7 PERCENT. AND THE OVERALL RATE IS 13.1  
23 PERCENT, AMONG THE LOWEST OF ANY METROPOLITAN AREA IN THE  
24 COUNTRY. WE ALSO, ALTHOUGH WE ARE BIG ON FRUITS AND  
25 VEGETABLES, WE ALSO HAVE FEWER COUCH POTATOES. [LAUGHTER.] AND

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1 WE HAVE 29 PERCENT INCREASE IN ADULTS REPORTING ENOUGH AEROBIC  
2 ACTIVITY TO MEET NATIONAL GUIDELINES. WE HAVE MORE ADULTS  
3 SAYING THEY'RE HAVING AT LEAST FIVE DAILY SERVINGS OF FRUITS  
4 AND VEGETABLES. AND IT APPEARS THAT THE LONG INCREASE IN  
5 CHILDHOOD OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY IS NOW AT AN END AND WE'RE  
6 STARTING TO TURN THE CORNER, WHICH IS REALLY GOOD NEWS FOR OUR  
7 CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN. OUR DEPARTMENT TAKES PRIDE IN  
8 HAVING DEVELOPED A ROBUST EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE  
9 CAPABILITY, IN OPERATING A STATE-OF-THE-ART PUBLIC HEALTH  
10 REFERENCE LABORATORY, AND OPENING THE FIRST NEW PUBLIC HEALTH  
11 CENTER IN 35 YEARS. WE'RE ALSO PROUD OF THE BOARD-DIRECTED  
12 INNOVATIVE RESTAURANT GRADING PROGRAM. THIS WILL REDUCE SEVERE  
13 FOOD-BORNE ILLNESS BY OVER 13 PERCENT IN THE FIRST YEAR. AND  
14 NOT ONLY THAT, IT'S BEEN WIDELY EMULATED ALL AROUND THE  
15 COUNTRY AND IN OTHER COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE  
16 ESTABLISHED AN AWARD-WINNING CHRONIC DISEASE AND INJURY  
17 PREVENTION DIVISION TO CONTROL THE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT  
18 TOGETHER COMBINE TO AFFECT 80 PERCENT OF OUR TOTAL HEALTH AND  
19 INJURY BURDEN, 80 PERCENT. WITH LEGAL GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT  
20 FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, WE HAVE BEEN AWARDED OVER \$650 MILLION IN  
21 THE SUIT AGAINST PAINT COMPANIES THAT SOLD LEAD PAINT THAT  
22 POISONED CHILDREN, AND THOSE FUNDS WILL NOW BE USED TO ABATE  
23 LEAD HAZARDS IN POOR, HIGH RISK COMMUNITIES. AND OUR  
24 DEPARTMENT PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN THE DECISION OF THE  
25 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT TO FLUORIDATE ITS WATER. THE

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1 RESULT WILL BE LESS TOOTH DECAY AND FEWER LOST TEETH, THAT AS  
2 THE CONDITION CAN LEAD TO POORER HEALTH AND NEGATIVE SELF-  
3 IMAGE. WE'VE ALSO SHARPENED OUR FOCUS ON THE FIRST YEARS OF  
4 LIFE WITH PROGRAMS THAT HAVE REDUCED INFANT MORTALITY AND  
5 IMPROVED COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH, WHICH IS CRITICAL  
6 FOR THESE CHILDREN AS THEY GROW UP. THESE PROGRAMS CAN ALSO  
7 REDUCE THE RISK FOR THESE CHILDREN IN ADULTHOOD AND THEY CAN  
8 LEAD TO BETTER ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES. AND FIRST L.A.-- FIRST  
9 FIVE L.A. HAS BEEN AN INDISPENSABLE AND STEADFAST PARTNER IN  
10 THESE EFFORTS. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO BE A TEAM LEADER OF THE  
11 4,000 D.P.H. STAFF, 39 PROGRAMS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THESE  
12 AND OTHER REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF  
13 EACH AND EVERY RESIDENT. LOOKING AHEAD, WHEN WE SEE WHAT CAN  
14 WE DO OVER THE NEXT 10 OR 15 YEARS, THE GREATEST CHALLENGE IS  
15 HOW TO REDUCE THE HUGE DISPARITIES IN HEALTH AMONG DIFFERENT  
16 POPULATIONS IN OUR COUNTY. LET'S REMEMBER THAT THE MAJOR  
17 THINGS WHICH DETERMINE OUR HEALTH ARE HOW AS A SOCIETY WE  
18 DETERMINE OUR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, OUR ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT AND  
19 OUR PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT. PEOPLE IN OUR WEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS  
20 LIVE AN AVERAGE OF 12 YEARS LONGER THAN IN POOR COMMUNITIES.  
21 ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDERS, ON AVERAGE, LIVE 10 YEARS LONGER THAN  
22 BLACKS. WE CAN ONLY START REMEDYING THESE HEALTH DIFFERENCES  
23 AND THE RESULTING BURDENS ON OUR ECONOMY BY WORKING ACROSS  
24 SECTORS. POVERTY IS A PERVASIVE POISON THAT DIRECTLY AFFECTS  
25 HEALTH. FORMAL EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT IS A PARTIAL ANTIDOTE AS

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1 IS THE AVAILABILITY OF MORE WELL PAYING JOBS. INCREASING HIGH  
2 SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO REDUCED HEALTH  
3 DISPARITIES AND CAN MAKE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MORE  
4 EXPANSIVE MASS TRANSIT CAN ALSO ADD YEARS TO LIFE EXPECTANCY  
5 AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE. AND TOO MANY POOR COMMUNITIES HAVE  
6 THEIR RESIDENTS' HEALTH ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THEIR PROXIMITY  
7 TO ENVIRONMENTAL TOXINS. WE NEED TO GREATLY INCREASE OUR  
8 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE AND ACTION TO HELP ALLEVIATE  
9 ACTIONS IN OUR HIGHLY BURDENED COMMUNITIES. BY WORKING ACROSS  
10 SECTORS, PUBLIC HEALTH, THROUGH EDUCATION, HEALTHY PUBLIC  
11 POLICY, AND EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS CAN IMPROVE BOTH PUBLIC  
12 HEALTH AND NARROW THE GAP IN UNACCEPTABLE HEALTH DISPARITIES.  
13 WE SHARE A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE GOOD STEWARDS OF  
14 OUR PLANET SO IT WILL BE HABITABLE FOR OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE  
15 GENERATIONS. TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN IN THE PAST,  
16 SAFEGUARDING HEALTH IN THE FUTURE IT WILL REQUIRE A DIFFERENT  
17 APPROACH TO TWO KEY RESOURCES, TWO: WATER AND ENERGY. FOR  
18 WATER, CONSERVATION IS IMPERATIVE AND NOT DIFFICULT IF WE  
19 TREAT IT AS THE PRECIOUS RESOURCE THAT WE KNOW IT IS. FOR  
20 ENERGY, ALTERNATIVE SOURCES ARE REASONABLY AVAILABLE IN  
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BUT GROWTH OF CARBON-BASED FUEL  
22 CONSUMPTION IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM AND THERE IS LACK OF  
23 UNIVERSAL WILLINGNESS TO CURTAIL CO2 RELEASE. AT THE COUNTY  
24 LEVEL, WE CAN HIGHLIGHT THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE EFFECTS  
25 OF WANTON ENERGY USE AND WE CAN MODEL HOW A METROPOLITAN AREA



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1 CAN SHRINK-- SHRINK OUR ENERGY FOOTPRINT. LOOKING AHEAD, WE  
2 HAVE SEVERAL ADDITIONAL CHALLENGES. ONE, WE HAVE TO DO A LOT  
3 BETTER AT SOCIAL MEDIA. SOME OF US GREW UP WHEN THERE WASN'T  
4 ANY SOCIAL MEDIA. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO REACH A LOT OF  
5 THE SEGMENTS OF OUR POPULATION. AND WE NEED TO NARROWCAST. WE  
6 NEED TO BE ABLE TO REACH POPULATIONS THAT ARE  
7 DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED. WE ALSO NEED TO PAY MORE  
8 ATTENTION TO THE OLDER RESIDENTS TO MAKE SURE EACH ONE OF US  
9 AS WE AGE CAN RETAIN FUNCTIONAL INDEPENDENCE AS LONG IN LIFE  
10 AS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING WHAT SCIENCE HAS SHOWN CAN DELAY THE  
11 ONSET OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. ANOTHER CHALLENGE IS TO ASSURE  
12 THE BEST SCIENCE-PROVEN INTERVENTIONS ARE EMPLOYED BY EVERY  
13 ONE OF THE PROGRAMS WE AS A COUNTY OPERATE. INCREASED ECONOMIC  
14 ANALYSIS IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE OUR TAXPAYERS AND OTHER  
15 FUNDERS THAT OUR WORK IS COST-EFFECTIVE, THAT IT'S WORTH THE  
16 INVESTMENT BECAUSE OF THE HEALTH BENEFIT. INCREASED EXPERTISE  
17 IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE IS NECESSARY TO COUNTER THE  
18 INCREASED NUMBER OF HEALTH RISKS ARISING FROM OUR PHYSICAL  
19 SURROUNDINGS. AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, AND THIS I WANT TO  
20 EMPHASIZE, WE NEED YOUR BOARD'S CONTINUED SUPPORT TO  
21 STRENGTHEN OUR DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THE LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
22 NEEDS CONTINUE TO GROW IN BREADTH AND IN INTENSITY. AND WE  
23 ALWAYS HAVE NOVEL THREATS THAT WE'RE BEHIND ON. SO IN CLOSING,  
24 I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD, MY TEAMMATES IN D.P.H., OUR MANY  
25 COUNTY AND EXTERNAL COLLEAGUES AND COLLABORATORS. THIS IS THE

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1 BEST JOB I'VE EVER HAD, AND I WILL MISS IT. AND I SEE SO MUCH  
2 POTENTIAL FOR CONTINUED GROWTH. I WILL WATCH IT WITH PRIDE AND  
3 ENVY AS I RETURN TO U.C.L.A. TO TRY AND HELP PREPARE THE NEXT  
4 GENERATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS. YOU ARE ALL GREAT  
5 AMERICANS, AND YOU ARE ALL GREAT PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS, AND  
6 THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL PLACE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
7 A WONDERFUL PLACE TO DO THIS UNHERALDED WORK. THANK YOU VERY  
8 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. FIELDING, BEFORE YOU LEAVE, YOU GET ONE  
13 MORE CHANCE TO HEAR A SUPERVISOR OPINE ABOUT YOU. THIS IS A  
14 SAD DAY FROM THE COUNTY, AND BITTERSWEET FOR DR. FIELDING, I'M  
15 SURE. I'VE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH YOU SINCE I  
16 BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. I'VE LEARNED A LOT FROM YOU.  
17 YOU'VE BEEN A REAL TEACHER TO ME AND MY STAFF. I LEARN MORE  
18 ABOUT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES THAN I EVER WANTED TO KNOW. AND  
19 HOPEFULLY IT WILL NEVER COME IN HANDY. BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT  
20 SURE WE APPRECIATE-- I THINK THE BOARD DOES, BUT I'M NOT SURE  
21 THE PUBLIC DOES-- WE ALWAYS HEAR ABOUT WHAT THE COUNTY DOESN'T  
22 DO RIGHT. THERE'S SO MUCH MORE THAT WE DO RIGHT. AND ONE OF  
23 THE THINGS THAT WE DO QUITE RIGHT IS THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
24 FUNCTION. AND DR. FIELDING HAS BEEN-- FIRST OF ALL, HE WAS THE  
25 DRIVING FORCE BEHIND GETTING THIS DEPARTMENT TO BE AN

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1 INDEPENDENT DEPARTMENT AND NOT A STEPCHILD TO THE DEPARTMENT  
2 OF HEALTH SERVICES WHICH I THINK MADE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO  
3 PUBLIC HEALTH IN THIS REGION AND CERTAINLY TO THE FOCUS IT  
4 BROUGHT TO US ON SOME OF THE ISSUES. AND LORD KNOWS IT WAS  
5 JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME BECAUSE WE HAD SO MANY ISSUES. 9/11,  
6 ANTHRAX, ALL THE THREATS THAT WERE COMING IN. ALL THE RUMORS  
7 THAT WERE COMING IN. AND THEN THE H1N1, WHATEVER IT WAS  
8 CALLED, THE BIG EPIDEMIC THAT NEVER HAPPENED. AND THIS COUNTY  
9 WAS EXTREMELY WELL PREPARED FOR THAT BECAUSE OF THE WORK YOU  
10 DID IN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR IT. DON MENTIONED IT, THE  
11 RESTAURANT RATING SYSTEM AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS THAT THE  
12 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS DONE HAS PUT IT AT THE  
13 FOREFRONT OF THE NATION'S PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES. AND I WOULD  
14 SAY IT RIVALS ANY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY, LOCAL,  
15 STATE OR NATIONAL. AND IT'S A FUNCTION OF YOUR LEADERSHIP. SO  
16 I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE COUNTY. AS WE  
17 FOUND OUT A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN YOU ENDOWED THE U.C.L.A. SCHOOL  
18 OF PUBLIC HEALTH, YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WORK. [LAUGHTER.] IF I  
19 HAD ONLY KNOWN YOU HAD THAT KIND OF MONEY AT THE TIME, I NEVER  
20 WOULD HAVE VOTED FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT.  
21 [LAUGHTER.] YOU COULD HAVE HANDLED IT YOURSELF. [LAUGHTER.]  
22 BUT, SERIOUSLY, THE ENDOWMENT TO THE JONATHAN FIELDING SCHOOL  
23 OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT U.C.L.A. WILL BE PERHAPS YOUR GREATEST  
24 LEGACY BECAUSE IT WILL TRAIN AND BRING TO THE FORE, PUBLIC  
25 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS LIKE YOURSELF AND LIKE THE PEOPLE SITTING

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1 OUT HERE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF  
2 AMERICANS AND WORLD CITIZENS IN PROMOTING PUBLIC HEALTH. AND I  
3 THINK THAT IS JUST AN INCREDIBLE GIFT THAT YOU'VE GIVEN  
4 HUMANITY. SO, JONATHAN, YOU'RE A CONSTITUENT, SO I'VE ALWAYS  
5 TREATED YOU WITH RESPECT BECAUSE YOUR VOTE MATTERED TO ME.  
6 [LAUGHTER.] BUT I THINK-- I KNOW THAT THIS COUNTY WILL MISS  
7 YOU. AND THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY WILL MISS YOU. BUT WE'LL BE  
8 THE BENEFICIARIES OF YOUR LIFE'S WORK.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ZEV  
11 SAID IT BEST. BUT THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN GIVE IS, I'LL NEVER  
12 FORGET 9/11, NOR ALL WE. AND IN THE FEBRUARY FOLLOWING THAT,  
13 WE HAD A BIOLOGICAL TRAINING EXERCISE. AND EVERYBODY THOUGHT  
14 THAT THAT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE EVENTS OF 9/11. AND THAT  
15 TRAINING EXERCISE HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR OVER A YEAR BY YOUR  
16 DEPARTMENT IN TRYING TO GET IN FRONT OF THESE KINDS OF ISSUES.  
17 THAT'S THE BEST EXAMPLE I CAN GIVE, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHERS.  
18 SO WE TRULY HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR LEADERSHIP OVER THE YEARS.  
19 AND THAT OF YOUR DEPARTMENT'S. AND I JUST WANT TO, LIKE I SAID  
20 EARLIER, WISH YOU THE VERY BEST AND GODSPEED IN YOUR  
21 RETIREMENT. MARK?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. YOU  
24 THINK OF JONATHAN FIELDING, YOU THINK OF ONE WHO IS ERUDITE,  
25 YOU THINK OF ONE WHO IS PROGRESSIVE. THESE ARE DESCRIPTORS

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1 THAT I HAVE HELD LONG BEFORE I BECAME A MEMBER OF THIS BOARD.  
2 A FEW EXAMPLES WILL SUFFICE. NOTED PSYCHIATRIST, DEBORAH  
3 PROTHROW STITH HELD A CONVERSATION IN A HOME HERE IN OUR CITY  
4 AND COUNTY. THE ISSUE WAS THE EPIDEMIC OF VIOLENCE AND THE  
5 TOLL THAT IT WAS TAKING ON COMMUNITIES FAR AND WIDE,  
6 GROUNDBREAKING WORK IN TERMS OF NONVIOLENT INTERVENTION  
7 STRATEGIES AND THERE WHO SAT AMONG THEM AND OPINED WITH  
8 ELOQUENCE WAS DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. ON OCCASION OF THE  
9 EPIDEMIC OF VICIOUS DOG BITES, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WAS  
10 DEALING WITH THOSE ISSUES WHEN I SERVED ON THAT BODY AND WHO  
11 DID WE CALL TO HELP GIVE INSIGHTS IN THAT INSTANCE? NONE OTHER  
12 THAN DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. WHEN EL NINO CAME AND STREETS WERE  
13 FLOODED AND KIDS WERE WALKING THROUGH WHAT THEY KNEW NOT OF,  
14 IT WAS SEWAGE, RAW SEWAGE, THERE CAME DR. JONATHAN FIELDING TO  
15 MAKE IT CLEAR THAT IF YOU WANT TO KEEP KIDS SAFE WHEN THEY GO  
16 TO SCHOOL, YOU HAVE TO KEEP THEM FROM WALKING THROUGH AND  
17 PLAYING IN THAT WHICH THEY THINK IS JUST A FLOOD OF WATER  
18 THAT'S CUTE AND THE LIKE, IT'S SEWAGE, RAW SEWAGE. AND HIS  
19 DECLARATIONS HELPED US ALL KNOW AND LEARN WHAT THAT MEANT. MY  
20 EXAMPLES ARE NOT LIMITED. THREE WILL SUFFICE. HE HAS BEEN A  
21 LEADER IN PUBLIC HEALTH, AND HIS LEGACY IS YET TO BE FULLY  
22 APPRECIATED. WE SALUTE HIM OR WE CELEBRATE HIM AND WE THANK  
23 HIM FOR ALL THAT HE'S DONE FOR THIS COUNTY, FOR THIS REGION,  
24 YEA, EVEN THE NATION. JONATHAN FIELDING, BLESS YOU.  
25 [APPLAUSE.]

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D ALSO LIKE TO JOIN INTO  
3 THANKING DR. FIELDING. WE BROUGHT FORTH THE RESTAURANT GRADING  
4 SYSTEM. IT DID HAVE A DRAMATIC IMPACT, AS WAS STATED, WITH  
5 REDUCTION IN PTOMAIN FOOD POISONING. BUT TWO WEEKS MY SON AND  
6 MOTHER-IN-LAW GOT FOOD POISONING, AND WE APPRECIATE THE  
7 DEPARTMENT REACTING AND TAKING THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO ASSURE  
8 THAT THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY FUTURE FOOD POISONING IN THAT  
9 PARTICULAR RESTAURANT THAT THEY PARTICIPATED IN. BUT WE  
10 APPRECIATE BECAUSE PUBLIC HEALTH IS SO ESSENTIAL AND VITAL AND  
11 IMPORTANT, ONE THAT GETS A LOWER PRIORITY WHEN IN FACT IT DOES  
12 IMPACT THE ENTIRE NATION. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
13 [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** PUBLIC HEALTH IS MISSION-DRIVEN. PUBLIC  
16 HEALTH HAS SOME OF THE MOST DEDICATED PEOPLE YOU'LL EVER FIND.  
17 PUBLIC SERVICE IS, IN FACT, OUR HIGHEST CALLING. AND IT'S BEEN  
18 AN HONOR AND A PLEASURE TO SERVE. BUT THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING  
19 THAT PUBLIC HEALTH CAN DO ALONE. BUT WITH THE KIND OF PARTNERS  
20 THAT WE HAVE, THE BOARD, THE OTHER AGENCIES, THE OUTSIDE  
21 ORGANIZATIONS, THERE'S NO PROBLEM THAT WE CAN'T HELP SOLVE. SO  
22 THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING, TEAM PUBLIC HEALTH. AND THANK YOU  
23 FOR ALL THE REST OF THOSE WHO DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THAT YOU WERE  
24 PUBLIC HEALTH WORKERS. [APPLAUSE.]

25

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1   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN. AND  
2   HAVE A GREAT RETIREMENT. ALL RIGHT. WE WILL BEGIN WITH THOSE  
3   FOLKS HOLDING MULTIPLE ITEMS. ARNOLD SACHS 1-D, 11, 26, 33, 35  
4   AND C.S.-3. ERIC PREVEN, 1, 11, 16, 19, 26, 28, 33 AND 34, 35,  
5   C.S.-1 AND C.S.- C.S.-3. AND THOSE ARE THE TWO.

6

7   **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.  
8   ITEM NO. 2 LAST WEEK HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS ITEM NO. 6 THIS  
9   WEEK, WHICH IS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO MEMORIALIZE SOME  
10   FISCAL AND BUDGET POLICIES THAT THE COUNTY HAS BEEN UTILIZING.  
11   ONE PIECE THAT IS BURIED-- AND TODAY I ASKED FOR THE  
12   ATTACHMENT AND THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE DOESN'T HAVE AN  
13   ATTACHMENT. I THINK THAT ATTACHMENT NEEDS TO BE SCRUTINIZED  
14   CAREFULLY. ITEM NO. 6 SPECIFIES TWO AREAS WHERE THEY'RE  
15   CALLING FOR A FOUR OUT OF FIVE VOTE MANDATE. THIS, TO ME-- TO  
16   CHANGE THE POLICY. THIS, TO ME, INCLUDES LABOR AND CHANGING  
17   OTHER FISCAL POLICIES. SO IT HAS THE EFFECT OF A KIND OF  
18   POISON PILL FOR THIS FIVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO THAT  
19   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO WILL BE SITTING ALONE IN A FEW  
20   YEARS, IS GOING TO HAVE TO GET THREE CHARACTERS ON BOARD TO  
21   CHANGE THESE POLICIES. SO I WOULD LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT, VERY  
22   CLOSELY. I THINK IT'S WORRISOME. ITEM NO. 10 IS AN ITEM, THIS  
23   WEEK'S ITEM TO GIVE A.E.C.O.M. 13-1/2 MILLION. LAST WEEK WE  
24   GAVE THEM 13-1/2 MILLION IN CONNECTION WITH SCOPING OUT THE  
25   GIANT JAIL FACILITY. THIS WEEK WE'RE GIVING THEM 13-1/2



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1 MILLION TO FOLLOW UP ON A JOB TO IDENTIFY THE 1,154 COUNTY  
2 FACILITIES, ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OF WHICH, ONE-THIRD ARE OWNED BY  
3 THE COUNTY AND THE OTHER SIDE IS RENTED BY THE COUNTY. AND MY  
4 CONCERN HERE IS THAT A.E.C.O.M. IS TAKING A LOT OF COUNTY  
5 MONEY. AND I LOOKED CLOSELY AT THE MEMO THAT MR. FUJIOKA  
6 PUBLISHED, ATTACHED TO THE ITEM LAST WEEK. THESE ARE ABOUT 14  
7 NAMED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORKING. INCLUDED IN THAT SUMMARY OF  
8 HOW THEY WERE GOING TO BE SPENDING OUT SOME OF THIS SCOPING  
9 MONEY, THEY IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE BIG 11-1/2 MONTH JOBS IS  
10 GOING TO BE WORKING ON C.E.Q.A. BUT MR. FUJIOKA ALSO ANNOUNCED  
11 THAT THIS PROJECT WAS EXEMPT FROM C.E.Q.A. SO IT MADE ME  
12 WONDER, WOW, 11-1/2 MONTHS OF TELLING US THAT WE'RE EXEMPT  
13 WORRIES ME. AND THEN I LOOK CLOSELY AND APPARENTLY J.F.A., FOR  
14 THOSE OF US WHO ARE FOLLOWING THE JAMES AUSTIN ORGANIZATION,  
15 AT LEAST IT LOOKED LIKE THAT, THEY GOT TWO GUYS, JAMES  
16 FARBSTAIN AND MISS EPPERLY, BOTH OF WHOM ARE IMMEDIATELY  
17 SOURCED TO-- I MEAN, FARBSTAIN WROTE A BOOK IN 1986 ABOUT  
18 PRISON TECHNOLOGY SO I CAN'T SEE HOW THAT'S THE GUY WE WANT.  
19 AND EPPERLY WAS FROM C.D.C.R., WITH MCDONALD, IN CHARGE OF  
20 MENTAL HEALTH. I DON'T THINK WE WANT TO IMPORT C.D.C.R. MENTAL  
21 HEALTH TECHNOLOGY INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME,  
22 CERTAINLY, SO I WOULD LOOK VERY, VERY CLOSELY AT THAT. ITEM  
23 NO. 11 DOESN'T MATCH UP WITH ITEM 8 FROM LAST WEEK. IT'S A  
24 \$6.8 MILLION FOR THE O.I.G. THEY ARE GETTING A SHOOTING  
25 SIMULATOR OVER AT THE O.I.G.? NOW WHY WOULD THEY NEED A

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1 SHOOTING SIMULATOR AT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL? I WAS  
2 TRYING TO IMAGINE, WELL, MAYBE THEY WANT TO TRAIN? ARE THEY  
3 DOING TRAINING OVER AT THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL? THIS  
4 IS A D.A. WHO'S HIRING 37 STAFF MEMBERS. I DON'T GET IT, I  
5 DON'T GET IT. THE LAST ITEM THAT I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADDRESS  
6 TODAY IS ITEM NO 28, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S WORTH SAYING. THIS  
7 IS A CASE, A LAW CASE WE'RE SETTTLING. WE SPENT OVER \$900,000  
8 ON ATTORNEY COSTS AND FEES AND WE'RE WAITING FOR THAT NEW  
9 REPORT AND YET \$500,000 TO SETTLE. YOU GOT ME.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
14 I DID HOLD MULTIPLE ITEMS. I'M ONLY GOING TO TALK ABOUT A FEW.  
15 FIRST OF ALL C.S.-3, CANDIDATES FOR THE COUNTY COUNSEL. I HAVE  
16 ONE. THIS IS FROM MARCH 27, 2014. "EX-LAWYER GETS 10 YEARS FOR  
17 STEALING FROM METRO." HE WOULD BE PERFECT. NOT ONLY WOULD YOU  
18 BE HIRING A LAWYER WHO'S STEALING FROM METRO, HOW BAD A LAWYER  
19 COULD YOU BE IF YOU GET CAUGHT STEALING FROM METRO WITH THOSE  
20 CRIMINALS? BUT YOU'D BE ABLE TO REHAB THEM AS PART OF A.B.109.  
21 EARLY RELEASE, GET HIM A JOB. HE COULD SIT HERE LIKE A BAG OF  
22 ROCKS LIKE THE PREVIOUS COUNTY COUNSELS HAVE. AND HE WOULD BE  
23 PERFECT. THIEVES AMONG THIEVES. I HELD ITEM 35. IT'S ABOUT  
24 EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION, ORDINANCE POSITIONS, NUMBERS OF  
25 POSITIONS INCLUDES 16 DEPARTMENTS, ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND

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1 CHANGING SALARIES. NOW, FOR THE BOARD TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE  
2 BEEN FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE BUT NOT GIVING ANY PAY RAISES AND  
3 YET A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO WE HEARD SUPERVISOR MOLINA TALK  
4 ABOUT THE PAY GRADES FOR SOMEBODY FROM THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM  
5 OF ART, HOW IT WAS OUR LEVEL GOING TO SOME OTHER LEVEL. BY THE  
6 WAY, WHAT'S A Z LEVEL WORTH? THOSE ARE ALL SALARIES THAT ARE  
7 GETTING INCREASES. 16 DEPARTMENTS IN THIS ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA.  
8 THAT'S LIKE HOW MANY EMPLOYEES? IT DOESN'T SAY. BUT THAT'S 16  
9 DEPARTMENTS. OUT OF 42. THAT'S QUITE A BIT. AND NOTHING FROM  
10 THE BOARD. I HELD ITEM 33. IT DEALS WITH TWO CHANGES OF  
11 ORDINANCES. TITLE 2 DEALS WITH CHANGING THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
12 LANGUAGE FOR THE OMBUDSMAN. YOU'RE ELIMINATING THE OMBUDSMAN.  
13 AND TITLE 6 DEALS WITH SALARIES, SALARY LANGUAGE FOR THE  
14 INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU'RE CREATING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. IS  
15 THIS WHERE HE GETS THE POWER TO DEAL WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
16 FROM THE SALARY? OH, NO, WAIT. THAT'S WHAT I READ IN THE  
17 NEWSPAPER WHERE IT SAYS HE HAS A CLIENT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
18 BOARD. THAT'S A B.F.D. SO, WHEN EXACTLY DOES HE GET THE  
19 EMPOWER THAT HE TALKED ABOUT WHEN HE WAS FIRST INTERVIEWED AND  
20 HE WAS PICKED FOR THE JOB, THE ORDINANCE THAT YOU WERE WORKING  
21 ON THAT WOULD AMEND THE LANGUAGE AND ALLOW HIM TO GET THE  
22 INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF THAT HE WOULD NEED FOR THE  
23 INVESTIGATIONS? I HELD ITEM 26. THAT DEALS-- CHIEF PROBATION  
24 OFFICER IS GOING TO EXECUTE AN OPERATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE  
25 STATE REGIONAL CENTERS, CONTRACTED REGIONAL CENTERS THAT

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1 COVERS D.C.F.S. AND MENTAL HEALTH. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE? WHY  
2 IS HE SIGNING CONTRACTS FOR D.C.F.S. AND MENTAL HEALTH? THAT'S  
3 THE BOARD DOING ITS MAGIC.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ANSWERS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. COULD YOU READ THOSE ITEMS OFF,  
10 PLEASE? I BELIEVE IT'S 1, 11, 16, 19, 26, 28, 33, 34, 35?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ACTUALLY THERE'S SOME OTHER  
13 SPEAKERS ON A FEW OF THOSE OTHER ITEMS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON WHICH ITEMS?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** LET ME JUST GO THROUGH THIS LIST.  
18 IT WOULD BE ITEM NO.--

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT 6, 7 AND 10 I'M NOT COUNTING.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** LET ME JUST READ THESE. IT'S ITEM  
23 NO. 1, THERE'S SOME ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS ON THAT ITEM. ITEM NO.  
24 11 IS BEFORE YOU. ITEM NO. 16, 19, 26, 28, 33, 34 AND 35.  
25 THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ABOUT C.S.-1 AND C.S.-3?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THOSE WILL BE HEARD IN CLOSED  
5 SESSION. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO ADDRESS THEM WHEN THEY WERE  
6 CALLED UP.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
10 SO ORDERED. OKAY. LORI MARTIN ON ITEM NO. 1? MELINDA WAITE, IF  
11 YOU WANT TO JOIN US, AS WELL.

12

13 **LORI MARTIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LORI MARTIN. I'M FROM  
14 RIVERSIDE COUNTY. AND THE TRANSITIONAL TEAM FROM THE OFFICE OF  
15 CHILD PROTECTION. RICHARD MARTINEZ APPOINTMENT BY SUPERVISOR  
16 MOLINA. CONVENIENT SINCE MY FRIEND SUNSHINE GARCIA WAS  
17 RECENTLY IN A VERY BAD ACCIDENT, DARN. I'M SURE MISS MOLINA  
18 KNOWS EXACTLY WHO I'M TALKING ABOUT. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I WAS  
19 SUPPOSED TO BE APOLOGIZING TO YOU THIS MORNING, BUT THERE'S A  
20 BIG IF THERE. IF WE GO THROUGH DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS BY  
21 ASSUMED ALLEGATIONS UNTIL YOU PROVE OTHERWISE, I'M ASSUMING  
22 THAT YOU AND JUDGE PELLMAN HAD SOME ENCOUNTER BEFORE THE  
23 DETAINMENT OF MY SON. THE TRANSITIONAL TEAM FOR OFFICE OF  
24 CHILD PROTECTION, THERE'S REALLY NOT MUCH HERE. WHERE IS THE  
25 REPORT? TODAY, FROM FOSTERING MEDIA CONNECTIONS, I BELIEVE WE

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1 WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PRESENTED A FULL REPORT, WERE WE NOT?  
2 WHERE IS IT? YOU CAN'T FIND IT ONLINE. YOU CAN'T FIND IT IN  
3 YOUR WEBSITE. SO I'M JUST WONDERING WHY IT IS THAT ARTICLES  
4 ARE PUBLICIZING THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THIS FINALLY  
5 READ TO US FROM THE B.R.C. AND IT'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND ON  
6 THIS AGENDA TODAY. I PAY GOOD ATTENTION. I DO A LOT OF  
7 RESEARCH. I'M NOT YOUR AVERAGE YOUNG LADY NOR CAN YOU JUDGE A  
8 BOOK BY ITS COVER AND THE DEPTH OF KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE IS  
9 LIKE THE SEVEN SEAS. SO ARE MY CONNECTIONS. AND I'M NOT AFRAID  
10 TO CALL THEM IN. THANK YOU. HAVE A GREAT DAY.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST FOR THE RECORD, MR. CHAIRMAN, I DON'T  
13 KNOW WHO JUDGE PELLMAN IS, NOR HAVE I EVER HAD A CONVERSATION  
14 ABOUT HER CASE OR ANY OTHER CASES WITH ANY JUDGE.

15

16 **LORI MARTIN:** [INAUDIBLE]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT? JUST FORWARD IT TO  
19 ME. BUT I JUST THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE TRUTHFUL--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BECAUSE THESE THINGS TEND TO TAKE ON A LIFE  
24 OF THEIR OWN. SO THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

25

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. NEXT?

2

3    **MELINDA WAITE:** WELL, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, WE HEAR THAT YOU'RE A  
4    GOOD GUY FROM PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU SHOULD STOP RIGHT THERE. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8    **MELINDA WAITE:** OKAY.

9

10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME CORRECT THAT. I KNOW HIM.

11    [LAUGHTER.]

12

13   **MELINDA WAITE:** AND THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT I KNOW AND I TRUST.  
14    SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD FOR THEM, FOR YOU TO PROVE THEM RIGHT.  
15    ALL OF D.C.F.S. IS RUN-- OR MUCH OF D.C.F.S. IS RUN ON  
16    ALLEGATIONS. AND THERE ARE LOTS OF ALLEGATIONS FLYING AROUND.  
17    AND YET FOR THE MOST PART THEY HAVE NOTHING ELSE. CASE IN  
18    POINT, THE RODIKA MOODY CASE. SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN WHO WERE  
19    REMOVED FROM HER AND SHE GOT ONLY ONE BACK. WHY IS THAT? 10-  
20    YEAR-OLDS WERE PLAYING AND TELLING JOKES THEY HEARD ON THE  
21    COMEDY NETWORK. THEY WERE RACIST JOKES. THEY WERE UNTOWARD,  
22    NOT UNCOMMON IN TODAY'S MEDIA-DRIVEN SOCIETY. A TEACHER TOOK  
23    UMBRAGE AGAINST ONE BOY WHO TOLD THE MOST EGREGIOUS JOKES AND  
24    D.C.F.S. GOT WIND OF IT.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU HELD ITEM-- NOT TO BE  
2    DISRESPECTFUL. THESE ARE PUBLIC COMMENTS UNDER THE PUBLIC  
3    COMMENT THAT WE'LL CALL LATER. YOU HELD ITEM NO. 1 AND THAT'S  
4    WHAT I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT, AND 1-D. BUT THERE'S NO RELATIONSHIP  
5    TO YOUR TESTIMONY NOW. IT'S A PUBLIC COMMENT WHICH YOU CAN  
6    MAKE LATER IN THE MEETING. BUT YOU HELD 1 AND 1-D. SO WHAT IS  
7    YOUR ISSUE ON 1 AND 1-D?

8

9    **MELINDA WAITE:** LORI WAS JUST HERE DISCUSSING FALSE ALLEGATIONS  
10   AND SO I'M JUST FOLLOWING UP, ALL RIGHT? YOU LISTENED TO HER.  
11   NOW I HOPE YOU'LL LISTEN TO ME. WHEN CHILDREN ARE STRIPPED  
12   FROM HOMES BASED ON FALSE, I MEAN VAGUE ALLEGATIONS WRITTEN BY  
13   SOCIAL WORKERS AND THEIR AND/OR THEIR SUPERIORS OR OTHER  
14   WRITERS WHO ARE ON STAFF TO TWIST WORDS AND REMOVE CHILDREN  
15   FROM HOMES, WE'VE GOT-- WE'RE DEALING WITH ALLEGATIONS THAT  
16   ARE EXTREMELY VAGUE AND PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR CHILDREN OVER  
17   THIS. I'LL COME BACK DURING PUBLIC-- I'M A LITTLE FRAZZLED  
18   NOW. I GOT INTERRUPTED. BUT NEVERTHELESS, I'LL BE BACK AND  
19   I'LL FINISH.

20

21   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ITEM 1 AND 1-D IS  
22   BEFORE. US MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL  
23   SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. 1-H, ALEXANDER BLAYNE.  
24   YES, SIR. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

25

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1   **ALEXANDER BLAYNE:** YES, I'D LIKE TO THANK GOD FOR THE HONOR AND  
2   PRIVILEGE AND THANK GOD FOR SEEING YOU ALL HAVE AND I THANK  
3   GOD FOR MY BROTHER MIKE ANTONOVICH OF MY PASTOR FRIEND AND  
4   PASTOR WILLIAM TURNER. I'D LIKE TO SAY I THANK GOD FOR THE  
5   PRIVILEGE OF BEING HERE AND TO SEE ALL Y'ALL AND SAY THANK YOU  
6   Y'ALL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVING THESE MEETINGS BECAUSE I  
7   LISTEN TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT SAID, DO WHAT YOU CAN WITH WHAT  
8   YOU HAVE. SO WITH THAT POINT, I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO  
9   ALL Y'ALL. AND IT'S A BLESSING TO SEE Y'ALL TO THIS DAY. AND  
10   I'LL LEAVE YOU ALL, WITH ALL THIS SAYING, THIS IS THE DAY THE  
11   LORD HATH MADE. WE ALL NEED TO REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.  
12   AMEN.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT 1-H, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.  
15   SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE  
16   THE ORDER.

17

18   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON NO. 37-A, CAN I  
19   ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION ON THAT ITEM? THANK YOU. AND  
20   SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THAT ITEM TWO WEEKS,  
21   INSTEAD, TO AUGUST 26TH.

22

23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST  
24   26TH.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

2

3   **SUP. KNABE:** PARDON ME? I UNDERSTAND THAT. WE'LL CALL THE ITEMS  
4 UP WHEN THEY GET THERE. WE GOT YOU. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. ALL  
5 RIGHT. WE BEGIN WITH ITEM NO. 6, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR  
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I'D ASK GENEVIEVE, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL,  
7 ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN TO JOIN US.

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9   **ERIC PREVEN:** 6, CORRECT?

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11   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 6.

12

13   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, BUT DID I--? OKAY, IS THAT A SPECIAL HEAR--  
14 HI, ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. IS THIS  
15 A SPECIAL HEARING ITEM OR?

16

17   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. IT IS BEING HELD BY A MEMBER OF THE  
18 BOARD. I DIDN'T CALL YOU UP FOR ITEM 6 ON THE FIRST MULTIPLE  
19 ITEMS. YOU SPOKE A LOT, THAT WAS YOUR CHOICE.

20

21   **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M DELIGHTED. I'M DELIGHTED I SPOKE ABOUT IT.  
22 YOU PROBABLY WERE NOT LISTENING, BUT IT WAS ITEM 2 LAST WEEK  
23 AND IT IS A VERY INTERESTING ITEM. SUBSEQUENTLY THEY HAVE  
24 PRODUCED THE FISCAL POLICIES SO MAYBE I WILL TAKE MY TIME TO  
25 READ ITEM NO. 6 OF THOSE FISCAL POLICIES, WHICH SAYS TO ALL

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1 FUTURE SUPERVISORS, I WOULD LISTEN CLOSELY, REQUIRES A 4/5  
2 VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE FOLLOWING: ANY  
3 REVISIONS TO THE BOARD'S BUDGET AND FISCAL POLICIES. THAT'S  
4 THIS DOCUMENT. AND LABOR AGREEMENTS IMPACTING SALARIES AND  
5 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COST INCREASES. SO I GUESS THE ENTIRE COUNTY  
6 FAMILY SHOULD TAKE NOTE THAT THEY'LL NEED 4 SUPERVISORIAL  
7 VOTES TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES APPROPRIATELY IN FRONT OF THE  
8 CONSTITUENT PUBLIC AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. I FIND THAT A VERY  
9 HIGH STANDARD. I DON'T KNOW HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THAT. I'M A  
10 LITTLE CONCERNED. THERE ARE SOME OTHER THINGS THAT ARE OF  
11 INTEREST, AS WELL. I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT THIS WAS NOT PROVIDED  
12 IMMEDIATELY WHEN I FIRST SAT DOWN TO SPEAK BECAUSE I FELT THAT  
13 THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE CLEARLY AWARE OF THIS. AND I THINK THAT  
14 THE OTHER CANDIDATES SHOULD ALSO-- AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT I  
15 HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THIS. THE OTHER ISSUES MAYBE THE PUBLIC  
16 WOULD BE INTERESTED THAT HAS TO DEAL WITH USING ALL THE FUTURE  
17 C.R.A. ASSETS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDING FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE,  
18 LOW INCOME HOUSING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND/OR CRITICAL  
19 CAPITAL PROJECTS. I GUESS CRITICAL CAPITAL PROJECTS BEING AN  
20 UNDERLINED NUMBER BECAUSE IT'S VERY EASY FOR THIS BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS, AS MR. FUJIOKA SKILLFULLY TEASED OUT OVER A  
22 NUMBER OF YEARS, TO MANIPULATE WHEN THAT INFORMATION COMES  
23 FORWARD AND THEN THE PUBLIC HAS VERY LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO  
24 WEIGH IN ON THE CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRAM. I KNOW PERSONALLY  
25 FROM FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE, BECAUSE I TRIED. I ASKED MANY

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1 TIMES. THERE'S A LONG TRAIL OF RECORDS ASKING ABOUT CAPITAL  
2 PROJECT NEEDS, AND THEN BANG, \$2.5 BILLION OR \$2.1 BILLION  
3 JAIL PROJECT AND IT'S READY TO ROLL. SO I WOULD SAY DELAY THIS  
4 AND DISCUSS IT AMONGST THE NEXT WAVE OF SUPERVISORS. I KNOW  
5 MS. SOLIS AND EITHER MS. KUEHL OR MR. SHRIVER WOULD BE  
6 INTERESTED. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SURE THEY APPRECIATE YOU SPEAKING ON  
9 THEIR BEHALF. NEXT?

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AGAIN ARNOLD SACHS.  
12 AND THIS ITEM ACTUALLY IS, I BELIEVE, YOU COULD ALMOST LOOK AT  
13 THIS AND SAY-- I BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA REFERS TO THIS  
14 AS A SILO, THAT THE BOARD HAS THESE BUDGET PRIORITIES AND  
15 THESE PROGRAMS TO KEEP, MAINTAIN POLICIES; YET WHEN THEY  
16 BECOME MEMBERS OF ANOTHER BOARD, LIKE METRO, OUT THE WINDOW.  
17 NO MORE POLICIES. NO MORE CONSTRAINTS. YOU KNOW, NEXT MONTH, I  
18 BELIEVE, METRO IS GOING TO HAVE A \$40 FARE INCREASE FOR THEIR  
19 EASY PASS. AND YET THIS BOARD, WHO SITS ON METRO, MAKES  
20 POLICIES, PUSHED FOR MEASURE R, \$1.3 BILLION SALES TAX  
21 REVENUE, FISCAL POLICIES.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE, THIS IS NOT AN M.T.A. ISSUE.  
24 THIS IS NOT AN M.T.A. ISSUE.

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1    **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DIDN'T SAY IT WAS AN M.T.A. ISSUE.

2

3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TALK ABOUT ITEM NO. 6, PLEASE. STAY ON  
4    TARGET.

5

6    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOUR FISCAL POLICIES REMAIN IN THIS ROOM. BUT  
7    YOUR POWERS DON'T. OKAY? THAT'S THE SILO THAT SUPERVISOR  
8    MOLINA MENTIONED WHEN SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT SOME OTHER  
9    PROJECT, WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE WAS YAPPING ABOUT, BUT SHE TALKED  
10   ABOUT IT. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. YOU BRING UP SILOS AND THEN YOU  
11   DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS IT. I'M BRINGING UP A POINT. YOU HAVE  
12   FISCAL POLICIES FOR THE COUNTY. METRO HAS A 3, 4, 5-- \$3  
13   BILLION DEBT PROGRAM ALREADY. \$4 BILLION IN SALES TAX  
14   ACCORDING TO THE BOARD. YET THEY NEED MORE MONEY. THAT'S SOME  
15   FISCAL POLICY. WHY CAN'T YOU USE THE FISCAL POLICY HERE THAT  
16   YOU USED THERE?

17

18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I ASK BOB SCHOONOVER, LISA  
19   PAYNE AND ANDREA ISRAEL TO JOIN US, PLEASE? GENEVIEVE?

20

21   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
22   ACTUALLY I AM NOT SIGNED FOR NO. 6.

23

24   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW YOU HAVEN'T. IF YOU WANT TO COME  
25   BACK, I'LL CALL YOU ON 7 AND I'LL CALL YOU ON 10.

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1

2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'LL BE GLAD TO SPEAK ON 37-A.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NOT AT THIS POINT?

5

6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WHY NOT? IT WAS ON THE AGENDA.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME? IT WAS CONTINUED. IT WAS  
9 CONTINUED.

10

11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** BUT WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO IT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALLED YOU ON ITEM 7 AND 10. IF YOU  
14 WANT TO COME BACK FOR THAT, THAT'S FINE. I'LL CALL YOU  
15 INDIVIDUALLY ON EACH ONE. DO YOU WANT TO STAY THERE, THAT'S  
16 FINE, TOO. 7'S RIGHT AFTER THIS, OKAY? OKAY. WHOEVER WOULD  
17 LIKE TO GO NEXT. BOB, LISA OR ANDREA?

18

19 **BOB SCHOONOVER:** GOOD MORNING. YOU KNOW, I'M HERE TODAY FIRST I  
20 WANT TO START BY THANKING EVERYBODY HERE AS I'VE DONE BEFORE  
21 FOR HELPING GUIDE US THROUGH THIS HUGE FINANCIAL CRISIS WE'VE  
22 HAD SINCE 2007. IT WAS THROUGH YOUR GUIDANCE AND COOPERATION  
23 FROM LABOR THAT WE MADE IT THROUGH HERE AND I WANT TO MAKE  
24 NOTE OF THAT. BUT ITEM NO. 6, I HAD SOME FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES  
25 WITH. YOU KNOW, THIS IS A GREAT COUNTRY. IT'S BUILT ON



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1 GOVERNANCE BY MAJORITY. AND, YOU KNOW, SOMETIMES IN ELECTIONS  
2 WE DISAGREE WITH THE OUTCOME. WE HAVE DOUBTS ON WHERE THINGS  
3 ARE GOING. BUT THAT'S HOW THIS COUNTRY WAS DESIGNED AND THAT'S  
4 HOW IT WORKS. NOW, WITH THAT BEING SAID, YOU KNOW, I  
5 UNDERSTAND SOMETIMES ELECTED BODIES HOLD HIGHER STANDARDS FOR  
6 SOME ITEMS. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT, YOU KNOW, THE STANDARD  
7 HERE WOULD BE 80 PERCENT, LET'S UNDERSTAND THAT. THAT'S REALLY  
8 EXTRAORDINARY. THAT'S REALLY EXTRAORDINARY. AND TO BIND A  
9 FUTURE BOARD TO 80 PERCENT? MAKE A MAJORITY GET VETOED BY THE  
10 MINORITY IS REALLY AN EXTREME CASE. I THINK WE REALLY HAVE TO  
11 EXAMINE THIS, THINK ABOUT THIS, HAVE A LITTLE FAITH IN THE  
12 VOTERS THAT ELECT PEOPLE TO THIS BODY, THINK HOW YOU WOULD  
13 FEEL IF YOU WERE COMING INTO THIS BOARD AND THIS POLICY WAS  
14 BEING ADOPTED BEFORE YOU GOT HERE, WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE WOULD  
15 THAT SEND TO YOU AS A NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBER, OKAY? IT'S  
16 NOT REALLY SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE NEED. I DON'T THINK IT'S  
17 GOING TO FURTHER THE RELATIONSHIP. I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO  
18 IMPROVE THINGS. I THINK WE HAVE TO TRUST IN THE OUTCOME OF  
19 ELECTIONS AND GO FORWARD WITH THE PROCESS. AND IT'LL WORK. IT  
20 WILL WORK. I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD ADOPT EXTRAORDINARY  
21 MEASURES, OKAY? THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

24

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1    **LISA PAYNE:** MY NAME IS LISA PAYNE. I'M THE POLICY DIRECTOR FOR  
2    THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING.  
3    WE'RE A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION OF NONPROFIT DEVELOPERS WHO  
4    BUILD RENTAL HOMES FOR THE FORMERLY HOMELESS, FOR VETERANS,  
5    FOR FAMILIES MAKING UP ABOUT \$45,000 A YEAR AND OWNERSHIP OF  
6    HOMES FOR FAMILIES MAKING UP TO ABOUT \$75,000 A YEAR. SO THAT  
7    WE HEARD TESTIMONY ABOUT DR. FIELDING AND WHAT HE DID WHEN  
8    EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES CAME UP TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. AND  
9    THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN L.A. COUNTY IN THE LAST FEW  
10   YEARS. L.A. COUNTY HAS SUFFERED FROM 80 PERCENT CUT IN FUNDING  
11   FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THIS AT A TIME WHEN HALF A MILLION  
12   FAMILIES LACK AN AFFORDABLE HOME? WHEN WE HAVE BEEN CALLED THE  
13   OVERCROWDED EPICENTER OF THE COUNTRY BY THE L.A. TIMES. AND  
14   WHEN THERE ARE AT LEAST 40,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS.  
15   WHAT YOU ALL HAVE DONE AS A BOARD AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR  
16   COUNTY WORKERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS IS TAKE BIG PROBLEMS AND  
17   EXTRAORDINARY SITUATIONS AND FIGURE OUT WHAT ARE THE BEST  
18   SOLUTIONS AT THE TIME TO ADDRESS THESE SITUATIONS. WHAT YOU'RE  
19   DOING HERE IS TAKE A-- LOOKING AHEAD AT WHAT'S COMING UP AND  
20   SETTING THE SOLUTION NOW. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWING FUTURE BOARDS  
21   TO DO THE SAME THING: TO LOOK AT THE SITUATION. YES, WE'VE GOT  
22   TO FIGURE OUT A DEBT SERVICE STRATEGY. YES, WE'VE GOT THE  
23   FIGURE OUT A WAY TO FILL THIS \$250 MILLION GAP IN AFFORDABLE  
24   HOUSING FUNDS THAT WAS LEFT BY THE ELIMINATION OF THE  
25   REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. YES, WE HAVE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT MAY

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1 COME UP. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWING THE FUTURE BOARD TO SAY: HERE  
2 ARE THE POSSIBLE FUNDING REVENUE-GENERATING WAYS TO DO THIS.  
3 HERE ARE THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. LET'S PICK THE BEST ONE. I  
4 URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THIS MOTION, ESPECIALLY WITH THE 4/5S  
5 REQUIREMENT TO OVERTURN.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME, BEFORE YOU SPEAK, KARL LAUFF AND  
8 BEN ROSEN AND NINA KIHLMAN IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE. AND ADAM  
9 COWING WILL BE THE LAST FOUR SPEAKERS. GO AHEAD, MAM.

10

11 **ANDREA ISRAEL:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
12 IS ANDIE ISRAEL AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE SKID ROW HOUSING  
13 TRUST. WE ARE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPERS AND AND WE  
14 SPECIALIZE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,  
15 SPECIFICALLY FOR THE FORMERLY HOMELESS AND CHRONICALLY  
16 HOMELESS POPULATIONS. I'M CURRENTLY WORKING ON A PROJECT THAT  
17 IS IN CONSTRUCTION THAT WILL PROVIDE 52 NEW UNITS OF PERMANENT  
18 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO HOMELESS AND CHRONICALLY HOMELESS  
19 INDIVIDUALS AND VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. AND THIS IS SKID  
20 ROW HOUSING TRUST'S FIRST BUILDING THAT IS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF  
21 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE TRYING TO EXPAND GEOGRAPHICALLY  
22 AND TO DIVERSIFY OUR POPULATION WITHIN THE HOMELESS  
23 POPULATION. WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
24 HEALTH SERVICES TO HOUSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE FREQUENT  
25 UTILIZERS OF E-PUBLIC COUNTY FACILITIES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY

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1 ROOMS AND JAILS AND SHELTERS. AND I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
2 PARTNERSHIP AND THIS NEW PROJECT. HOWEVER, THIS BUILDING WILL  
3 ONLY PRODUCE 52 NEW UNITS. AND IT'S CURRENTLY ESTIMATED THAT  
4 THERE ARE MORE THAN 40,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY AND 1/9 OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE VETERANS. SO I WANTED TO  
6 SAY THANK YOU FOR THE INITIAL ALLOCATION OF FUTURE TAX  
7 INCREMENT DOLLARS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOWEVER, 40,000  
8 PEOPLE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, THIS IS A VERY  
9 LARGE NUMBER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO BUILD MORE  
10 BUILDINGS, BUT THE POTS OF FUNDS ARE DISAPPEARING. SO I WOULD  
11 LIKE TO URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO OPPOSE THESE SPECIFIC  
12 ALLOCATIONS FOR THE REMAINING TAX INCREMENT DOLLARS AND SET  
13 ASIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **KARL LAUFF:** HI, I'M KARL LAUFF WITH ABODE COMMUNITIES. WE ARE  
18 ALSO A NONPROFIT, AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER, OWNER,  
19 PROPERTY MANAGER AND ARCHITECTURE FIRM. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR PREVIOUS ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO  
21 AFFORDABLE HOMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WITH SOME OF THIS  
22 FUNDING, WE'VE PRODUCED HUNDREDS OF HOMES OURSELVES, IN  
23 ADDITION TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE PRODUCED MANY MORE  
24 HOMES IN THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, THESE HOMES ARE NOT ENOUGH TO  
25 ADDRESS THE NEED THAT EXISTS IN THE COUNTY. THE NEED IS GREAT.

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1 THE SHORTFALL IN THE COUNTY IS OVER-- IS APPROXIMATELY 500,000  
2 AFFORDABLE HOMES. WE'VE RECENTLY DEVELOPED A MULTI-FAMILY  
3 BUILDING IN ROSITA IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, A 77 APARTMENT  
4 HOME COMMUNITY. WE HAD 1200 APPLICANTS FOR THOSE 77 HOMES.  
5 THAT'S OVER 15 APPLICANTS PER HOME. THESE APPLICANTS ARE  
6 SECRETARIES, TEACHERS, PARAMEDICS. THEY'RE WORKING PEOPLE WHO  
7 WE WANT TO SUPPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND IN LIGHT OF THIS  
8 CONSIDERATION, I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO RECONSIDER ITEM 6  
9 ON THE AGENDA, PARTICULARLY POINTS 5 AND 6 OF THE FISCAL  
10 POLICY. I'D URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE A MORE HOLISTIC VIEW WHEN  
11 CONSIDERING HOW TO MAKE USE OF FUTURE TAX INCREMENT FUNDS AND  
12 ALSO NOT BIND FUTURE BOARDS TO SUCH A HIGH STANDARD OF A 4-5  
13 VOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

16

17 **BEN ROSEN:** GOOD MORNING, I'M BEN ROSEN. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF  
18 OF MERCY HOUSING. WE ARE A NONPROFIT DEVELOPER AND MANAGER AND  
19 SERVICE PROVIDER FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I WANT TO THANK THE  
20 BOARD FOR THEIR PREVIOUS ALLOCATION OF FUTURE R.D.A. TAX  
21 INCREMENT FUNDS. AND I WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE  
22 LOCKING THOSE FUNDS IN FOR UNNAMED-- FOR DEBT SERVICING  
23 UNNAMED INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE. WE RECENTLY  
24 COMPLETED A 41-UNIT DEVELOPMENT CALLED EL MONTE VETERANS'  
25 VILLAGE IN EL MONTE WHICH NOW HOUSES 40 FORMERLY CHRONIC

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1 HOMELESS VETERANS. WITHIN ABOUT THREE WEEKS OF US OPENING THE  
2 APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THAT DEVELOPMENT, WE HAD OVER 200  
3 APPLICATIONS FROM HOMELESS VETERANS. SO CLEARLY THERE IS A  
4 SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR VETERANS, FOR  
5 HOMELESS VETERANS AND FOR LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND SENIORS. SO  
6 I JUST WANT TO URGE THE BOARD TO OPPOSE ITEM NO. 6 AND ALLOW A  
7 DISCUSSION AND LOOK INTO USING THE FUTURE R.D.A. TAX INCREMENT  
8 FUNDS TO PROVIDE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE RESIDENTS OF  
9 L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **NINA KIHLMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NINA. I'M HERE ON  
12 BEHALF OF NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK  
13 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU AND TO ALSO OPPOSE  
14 THIS MOTION. I WANT TO ECHO MS. LISA PAYNE AND THE OTHER  
15 SPEAKERS ON THIS ISSUE. AND WITH 30 YEARS OF ADVOCATING FOR  
16 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS, HOME  
17 MATTERS. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN THAT HOME  
18 MATTERS. MY QUESTION TO YOU THIS MORNING IS: DOES HOME MATTER  
19 TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY? TO YOUR MOTHER? TO YOUR FATHER? TO  
20 YOUR CHILDREN? TO YOUR NEIGHBORS? HOME MATTERS. AND AS MR.  
21 JONATHAN FIELDING WAS SAYING THIS MORNING, HOME IS CONNECTED  
22 TO YOUR HEALTH, TO EDUCATION, TO HOW OUR CITIES ARE GROWING OR  
23 PROSPERING. AND SO PLEASE, AS THE OTHER SPEAKERS WERE SAYING,  
24 TAKE THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT THIS, AND THANK YOU FOR THE  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR?

3

4 **ADAM COWLING:** MY NAME IS ADAM COWING. I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT  
5 PUBLIC COUNSEL. WE REPRESENT LOW INCOME CLIENTS IN L.A.  
6 COUNTY. WE ALSO REPRESENT LOCAL NONPROFIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING  
7 PROVIDERS WHO BUILD HOUSING FOR OUR CLIENTS. I WANT TO THANK  
8 THE BOARD FOR PREVIOUSLY COMMITTING ABOUT 18 MILLION A YEAR  
9 FOR FIVE YEARS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS IS VITAL TO OUR  
10 CLIENTS. BUT I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE MOTION  
11 WHICH COMMITS ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF TAX INCREMENT THAT FORMERLY  
12 WENT TO REDEVELOPMENT WITHOUT MAKING THE SAME COMMITMENT TO  
13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AS WE ALL KNOW, L.A.'S ONE OF THE LEAST  
14 AFFORDABLE AREAS IN THE NATION. THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING  
15 PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION ESTIMATES A SHORTFALL OF NEARLY HALF A  
16 MILLION HOMES AFFORDABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY. TENS OF  
17 THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT AS YOU KNOW AND MANY  
18 OF THESE PEOPLE ARE VETERANS, AS YOU ALSO KNOW. AFFORDABLE  
19 HOUSING DOESN'T JUST GIVE THESE PEOPLE A PLACE TO LIVE; IT  
20 ALSO INVESTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IT CAN CHANGE  
21 NEIGHBORHOODS. AS NOTED BY DR. FIELDING EARLIER THIS MORNING,  
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING CAN ALSO DRASTICALLY IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH  
23 OUTCOMES. IT CAN SAVE MONEY IN THE LONG TERM. REDEVELOPMENT  
24 FUNDS PROVIDE VITAL FINANCING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THIS  
25 MOTION WOULD COMMIT ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF TAX INCREMENT THAT



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1 FORMERLY WENT TO REDEVELOPMENT WITHOUT MAKING THE SAME  
2 COMMITMENT TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THAT'S WHY WE'RE URGING YOU  
3 TO OPPOSE THE MOTION AND RECONSIDER WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY.  
4 AND THEN THE LAST THING THAT I WANTED TO SAY IS THAT THE  
5 MOTION RAISES CONCERNS ABOUT APPROPRIATE GOVERNANCE. THE  
6 PROPOSED POLICIES WOULD REQUIRE A 4/5-VOTE FOR REVISION. THIS  
7 SEEMS TO LOCK IN THE POLICIES AND REMOVE POWER FROM FUTURE  
8 SUPERVISORS, MAKING IT HARDER FOR THE BOARD TO RESPOND TO  
9 PUBLIC PRIORITIES IN THE FUTURE. THIS REALLY RAISES CONCERNS  
10 FOR US. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. PATRICK O'ROURKE? I JUST HAVE  
13 PATRICK O'ROURKE AND THAT IS IT. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER HE'S NOT  
14 HERE. NOT HERE? OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT. I'D LIKE TO ADD ON  
17 ITEM NO. 7 TO THIS THAT WOULD BE, UNLESS DIRECTED BY THE  
18 BOARD, EXEMPT BOARD ADOPTED CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS' POLICY MANUAL ON BUDGET POLICIES AND PRIORITIES,  
20 WHICH IS POLICY NO. 4.030 FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW AND  
21 REMOVE ALL SUNSET DATES AND SUNSET REVIEW DATES ASSOCIATED  
22 WITH THIS POLICY. THAT WOULD BE IN A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. LET  
23 ME JUST SPEAK TO THE OVERALL POLICIES BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE  
24 IMPORTANT. FIRST OF ALL, HAVING BEEN ONE OF THE MEMBERS WHO  
25 SERVED HERE IN 1994 WHEN WE HAD AN UNBELIEVABLE BUDGET CRISIS,

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1 WHERE WE WERE HAVING A TOUGH TIME NOT ONLY KEEPING OUR  
2 EMERGENCY ROOMS OPEN AND PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WE  
3 ALSO HAD TREMENDOUS PROBLEM IN MEETING SOME OF OUR NEEDS AND  
4 RESPONSIBILITIES TO STATE-MANDATED PROGRAMS, WHETHER THEY BE  
5 FOR OUR WELFARE RECIPIENTS OR OTHER MANDATED RESPONSIBILITIES.  
6 THERE JUST WASN'T ENOUGH MONEY. AND WHEN WE STARTED LOOKING AT  
7 MANY OF THOSE ISSUES OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, THERE WAS  
8 CERTAINLY A LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT COULD BE TAKEN BY THE  
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR EXPENDITURES IN HOW THINGS WERE BEING  
10 ORGANIZED. SINCE THEN, I KNOW I HAVE BEEN A PART OF TRYING TO  
11 CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT HERE WHERE WE HAVE A MUCH MORE SOLID  
12 FOOTING ON ALL OF OUR FISCAL POLICIES AND THAT HAS BEEN JOINED  
13 BY ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS BOARD, WHICH PROBABLY  
14 PRESENTED ITSELF MORE APPROPRIATELY DURING THE LAST ECONOMIC  
15 DOWNTURN. IN WHICH WE SAW STATE GOVERNMENT, AS WELL AS MANY  
16 CITIES THROUGHOUT THIS REGION HAVING TO CUT BACK ON NOT ONLY  
17 ITS SERVICES BUT ITS EMPLOYEES, HAVING TO FURLOUGH MANY AN  
18 EMPLOYEE DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME. THIS COUNTY WENT THROUGH  
19 AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN WITH ALL OF THE DIGNITY THAT IT POSSIBLY  
20 COULD TO ALL OF THE TAXPAYERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE DID  
21 NOT FURLOUGH ANY EMPLOYEES. WE WERE ABLE TO KEEP ALL OF OUR  
22 EMPLOYEES. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE WERE SIGNIFICANTLY ABLE TO  
23 PROVIDE SERVICES IN ALL OF THE EMERGENCY-MANDATED AREAS THAT  
24 WE HAD A DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO  
25 CONTINUE MANY OF THE PROJECTS, INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING,

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1 DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME WHEN EVERYONE ELSE WAS CUTTING  
2 BACK. THERE HAVE BEEN ONGOING ISSUES AS WE LOOK AT OUR LABOR  
3 COSTS AS WELL AS OUR PENSION COSTS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE  
4 ARE FINDING A WAY TO EASE INTO THAT BURDEN EVERY SINGLE DAY  
5 FROM THE STANDPOINT OF BEING FAIR WITH OUR LABOR UNIONS AND  
6 BEING-- CERTAINLY RESPONDING TO THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE  
7 HAVE WITH OUR PENSION COSTS. THERE'S AN ARTICLE THIS MORNING  
8 ABOUT THE ARIZONA PENSION COSTS AND THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY'RE  
9 HAVING THERE AND THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION THAT THEY'RE  
10 GOING TO NEED IN ORDER TO REPAIR WHAT'S GOING ON. CITIES RIGHT  
11 NOW, FOR EVERY PAYCHECK THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING TO MANY OF ITS  
12 EMPLOYEES, THEY HAVE TO PUT IN THE SAME CORRESPONDING NEED FOR  
13 THEIR PENSION COSTS. WE'RE NOT DOING THAT TODAY. AND HOPEFULLY  
14 WE'LL NEVER GET TO THAT POINT. BECAUSE WHAT THAT MEANS IS WHEN  
15 YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT KIND OF A PAYMENT, YOU ARE CUTTING BACK  
16 ON THE DIRECT SERVICES AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES. I'M A BIG  
17 SUPPORTER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I'VE BEEN A CHAMPION OF IT  
18 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING SURE THAT  
19 WHEN OUR C.R.A. MONEY WAS COMING BACK THAT THIS COUNTY WAS  
20 MAKING AN UPFRONT COMMITMENT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I KNOW  
21 THAT COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS ALSO ASKING  
22 FOR AN AMENDMENT TO DEAL WITH THE SAME THING ON ECONOMIC  
23 DEVELOPMENT. THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF COMMITMENTS THAT I THINK  
24 THIS COUNTY HAS TO MAKE TO THE GENEROUS MONEY THAT IS COMING  
25 BACK FROM MANY OF THE EXPENDITURES THROUGHOUT THE CITY'S

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1 C.R.A. HAVING SERVED ON SOME OF THOSE OVERSIGHT BOARDS, WHEN I  
2 SEE HOW THE REDEVELOPMENT LAW AND POLICY WAS BEING ABUSED AND  
3 MISUSED, I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THAT LAW ENDED.  
4 UNFORTUNATELY, THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT WAS OUT OF IT WAS  
5 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, AND THAT ALSO DID NOT HAVE THE SET OF  
6 FUNDS. I'M LOOKING FORWARD THAT THIS COUNTY IS GOING TO  
7 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AND RESOURCES TO THE ISSUES OF  
8 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BUT THE HEALTH  
9 AND THE FISCAL HEALTH OF THIS COUNTY IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT  
10 THING THAT IT MUST DO FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS IN PROVIDING  
11 THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES. AND WE ARE DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER  
12 MUNICIPALITY. BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
13 HEALTHCARE, THE MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND ALL OF THE SOCIAL NEEDS  
14 AS WELL AS ALL THE EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT ARE VITAL FOR THE  
15 WELL-BEING OF THIS COUNTY. SO PUTTING IN PLACE A SET OF POLICY  
16 GUIDELINES IS A VERY, VERY DRAMATIC MOVE. WE'VE BEEN OPERATING  
17 UNDER THEM FOR THE MOST PART AS WE OPERATE OUR BOARD EVERY  
18 SINGLE DAY. I THINK IT IS HISTORICALLY PROVEN TO BE VERY  
19 EFFECTIVE. FIND A WAY TO PUT THEM IN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF  
20 WHAT WE'RE DOING EVERY SINGLE DAY I THINK IS THE KIND OF  
21 LEADERSHIP THAT L.A. COUNTY NEEDS FOR THE FUTURE. SO I'M VERY  
22 PROUD TO SUPPORT THEM. I'D LIKE TO ADD MY AMENDMENT. AND I  
23 LOOK FORWARD THAT ALL FUTURE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEMBERS ARE  
24 GOING TO ENJOY BECAUSE I THINK TAXPAYERS AT THE END OF THE DAY  
25 WANT TO HAVE A STABLE FISCAL POLICY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY THAT

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1 IS NOT GOING TO ALLOW US TO GO THROUGH THE TURMOIL THAT WE  
2 WENT THROUGH IN 1994.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.  
5 THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE AN AMENDMENT, AS  
6 WELL?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND IT IS AS FOLLOWS.  
9 IT ESSENTIALLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED BY  
10 WAY OF THE MAIN MOTION AND SEEKS TO SUGGEST THAT THE  
11 DISSOLUTION OF REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN  
12 IMPACTED BY AFFORDS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME OF WHAT WE  
13 HAVE PAID ATTENTION TO FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF; THAT IS,  
14 TO FRAME AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
15 POLICY THAT WOULD HIGHLIGHT FOUR KEY AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY. FOR  
16 THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, OUR RESPECTIVE OFFICES HAVE BEEN  
17 INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO BRING CONSENSUS. AND I'M PLEASED THAT  
18 WE HAVE ARRIVED AT THAT PLACE. THE AMENDMENT TO 6, ESSENTIALLY  
19 THE INITIAL STEPS IN IMPLEMENTING A COUNTY-WIDE ECONOMIC  
20 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, ESSENTIALLY  
21 WHAT I HAVE RAISED WITH YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND IT IS, I  
22 BELIEVE, A GOOD THING FOR US WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHING A  
23 CATALYTIC DEVELOPMENT FUND THAT COULD LEVERAGE PRIVATE  
24 FINANCING AND ACCELERATE INVESTMENT IN ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED  
25 COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING MIXED USE, TRANSIT-ORIENTED,

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1 DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF  
2 BUILDING A \$100 MILLION FUND, DEVELOPING A COORDINATED  
3 APPROACH AND FINANCING STRATEGIES, SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OF  
4 TRADE. THESE ARE ALL CONCEPTS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT  
5 LENGTH. IT SEEMS TO ME IT IS VERY TIMELY TO MOVE THIS FORWARD  
6 IN THE CONTEXT AND AMENDMENT TO THIS MOTION AS WE WERE TALKING  
7 ABOUT FISCAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES AND I WOULD SO MOVE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY  
10 AMENDMENT. SO WE'LL MAKE THAT ITEM NO. 8, THEN. YEAH, ZEV?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE THE WHOLE ITEM BEFORE  
13 US, RIGHT?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK, YEAH.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
18 JUST ON THE MAIN MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JUST GIVE ME ONE MORE SPEAKER.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT I WOULD JUST ADD TO THE AFFORDABLE  
25 HOUSING ADVOCATES, THIS BOARD ON A 5-0 VOTE JUST COMMITTED

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1 OVER \$75 MILLION FOR FIVE YEARS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I  
2 JUST THINK AS IT RELATES TO THE MOTION, IT'S A MISTAKE TO  
3 CARVE OUT ONE PARTICULAR AREA OVER ANOTHER. AND IT'S REALLY  
4 TYING NO ONE'S HAND BECAUSE IF A FUTURE BOARD WANTS TO WAIVE  
5 THE FOUR-VOTE PIECE, THEY CAN TAKE THREE VOTES, A PARTICULAR  
6 ITEM ON THREE-VOTE ITEM, THEY CAN WAIVE THE FOUR-VOTE POLICY.  
7 SO NO ONE'S HANDS ARE REALLY GETTING TIED. DAVE GILLOTTE.  
8 DAVE, YOU WILL BE THE LAST SPEAKER.

9

10 **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD MORNING. SORRY I'M LATE. I CAME HERE IN  
11 PLACE OF BLAYNE MEEK ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY COALITION OF  
12 UNIONS TO SPEAK FOR THE COUNTY COALITION OF UNIONS, OF WHICH I  
13 AM A MEMBER. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 1014, L.A. COUNTY  
14 FIREFIGHTERS. WE RISE TO SUPPORT THE OVERALL POLICIES THAT ARE  
15 COMING BEFORE US HERE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WE'VE BEEN A  
16 PARTNER WITH THE THREE-LEGGED STOOL OF THE CONSTITUENTS WE  
17 REPRESENT, THE ELECTED OFFICIALS HERE AND OF COURSE THE LABOR  
18 GROUPS THAT SERVE THOSE PEOPLE IN THE STREETS AND I THINK  
19 QUITE EFFECTIVELY, AS ALL OF YOU HAVE POINTED OUT, WE'VE ALL  
20 GIVEN AND WE'VE ALL WORKED TOGETHER TO COMPROMISE OVER THE  
21 PAST FIVE YEARS, AND REALLY LONGER THAN THAT, BUT EXTREMELY SO  
22 IN THE LAST 10 YEARS AS PARTNERS TO BRING FORWARD COMPROMISE  
23 IN TERMS OF COMPROMISE ON ALL ISSUES RELATING TO BUDGET,  
24 POLICY AND, IN FACT, LABOR CONTRACTS. AND I'M NOT SO CONCERNED  
25 ABOUT THE LABOR CONTRACT ITEM, ALTHOUGH I AM IN ITEM NO. 6 AS



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1 THE SUB IN 6 OVERALL, BUT, REALLY, THE BUDGET ISSUES BECAUSE  
2 THAT'S FOR THIS BOARD TO BATTLE OVER WHAT GETS APPROVED AND  
3 DOESN'T GET APPROVED. BECAUSE MUCH LIKE THE CONGRESS, YOU GET  
4 INTO PARTISAN STALEMATES THAT YOU CAN'T UNDO. AND THE GOOD OF  
5 THE ORDER FOR ALL GOING FORWARD DOES GET HAMSTRUNG, TO SOME  
6 EXTENT, WHEN YOU HAVE A PARTISAN 4-0 TYPE OF POLITICAL  
7 LEVERAGING THAT CAN GO ON. THERE'S NEVER BEEN A VOTE ON  
8 CONTRACTS THAT HASN'T BEEN 5-0 THAT I COULD FIND HISTORICALLY.  
9 WE KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. WE WORK IT OUT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS,  
10 EVERYBODY. WE WORK VERY HARD TO COME TO COMPROMISE BUT AS A  
11 PARTNER AS A MORE THAN JUST A LABOR VOICE TODAY, ON BEHALF OF  
12 THE COALITION, WE THINK THIS IS KIND OF A SOUR PILL WITH THAT  
13 IN THERE, STILL, TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE SAME VEIN. AND I WOULD  
14 SUGGEST WE KEEP ITEM 6 OUT OF THERE IN THIS OVERALL POLICY AND  
15 MOVE FORWARD LIKE WE'VE DONE IN THE PAST AS TRUE PARTNERS.  
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU ASKED ONE OF THE QUESTIONS  
21 OR MADE THE ASSERTION THAT I WANTED TO CONFIRM. MAYBE I'LL ASK  
22 THE COUNTY COUNSEL. THIS IS A POLICY. IT IS NOT BINDING ON A  
23 FUTURE BOARD IF THAT FUTURE BOARD BY THREE VOTES TO CHANGE THE  
24 POLICY, IS THAT CORRECT? OR IF THIS BOARD IN THE NEXT 3-1/2  
25 MONTHS DECIDES TO CHANGE THE POLICY?

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2 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
3 YES, THAT'S CORRECT. THE BOARD CAN IMPOSE THE FOUR-VOTE  
4 REQUIREMENT UPON ITSELF. HOWEVER THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN  
5 THE FUTURE, EITHER NEXT WEEK OR WHEN DIFFERENT SUPERVISORS ARE  
6 SEATED, IF THEY NO LONGER WANT THE POLICY, THEN THE MAJORITY  
7 CAN UNDO THAT FOUR-VOTE REQUIREMENT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ON ANY GIVEN ITEM, IF THERE'S A STALEMATE  
10 THAT CAN'T BE BROKEN THAT'S A 3-2 STALEMATE, SOMEBODY CAN MOVE  
11 THAT THE POLICY BE SUSPENDED FOR THAT ITEM.

12

13 **RICHARD WEISS:** ABSOLUTELY, YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO, I MEAN, I SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF THIS  
16 WITH THAT UNDERSTANDING. I'M NOT A FAN OF TWO-THIRDS OR FOUR-  
17 FIFTHS IN THIS CASE BECAUSE FOUR-FIFTHS IS THE FIRST THRESHOLD  
18 YOU GET TO AFTER 50 PERCENT WITH A FIVE-MEMBER BOARD. SO I'M  
19 NOT A FAN OF GIVING PEOPLE ANYMORE LEVERAGE THAN THEY ALREADY  
20 HAVE. BUT I'M CONFIDENT THAT IF SOMEBODY-- IF SOME MEMBER OR  
21 TWO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WOULD REQUIRE TWO TO TRY TO LEVERAGE  
22 THE OTHER THREE AND IT WAS A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE FOR THE OTHER  
23 THREE, THE OTHER THREE COULD SIMPLY MOVE TO SUSPEND THE  
24 POLICY. AND THEN VOTE ON IT ACCORDINGLY. I THINK THE VALUE OF  
25 THIS MOTION THAT THE CHAIR HAS BROUGHT IN IS TO SET THE BAR

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1 REASONABLY HIGH. I THINK DAVE GILLOTTE SAID IT RIGHT ON THE  
2 MONEY. WHAT HE SAID WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY, AND THAT IS THAT I  
3 DON'T RECALL A LABOR CONTRACT CERTAINLY NOT IN THE LAST 10 OR  
4 15 YEARS THAT WASN'T 4-1 OR 5-0. WE'VE ALWAYS WORKED THOSE  
5 THINGS OUT WITH OUR NEGOTIATORS AND THE LABOR NEGOTIATORS. AND  
6 THERE HAS BEEN A GENUINE PARTNERSHIP, I WOULD SAY, ESPECIALLY  
7 SINCE THE 2000 CONTRACT WHICH WAS THE LAST ONE WHERE I THINK  
8 THERE WAS A TRUST FACTOR. I THINK REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT THE  
9 TRUST FACTOR WAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED AFTER THAT BECAUSE WE  
10 LIVED UP TO OUR WORD AND LABOR LIVED UP TO ITS WORD. AND IT  
11 WAS A RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS SERVED US WELL EVER SINCE AND  
12 THAT'S BEEN OVER 14 YEARS. BUT I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO  
13 SAY, WHAT THE CHAIR IS TRYING TO SAY IN THIS MOTION IS WE  
14 SHOULD STRIVE TO GET TO FIVE VOTES, AND NOT ONLY ON LABOR  
15 CONTRACTS. THAT'S ONE OF HALF A DOZEN ITEMS IN THIS MOTION,  
16 BUT ON ALL OF THESE MAJOR APPROPRIATIONS AND THE LIKE WHICH  
17 ALSO TEND TO BE ALMOST IN EVERY CASE, NOT QUITE IN EVERY CASE,  
18 UNANIMOUS. MOST OF WHAT WE DO HERE IS UNANIMOUS, BECAUSE IT'S  
19 NOT-- MOST OF IT IS NOT CONTROVERSIAL. IN THE AREAS WHERE WE  
20 DO HAVE CONTROVERSY, WE HAVE CONTROVERSY AND WE WORK IT OUT.  
21 SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT THIS DOES. I WOULD NOT SUPPORT A  
22 MEASURE THAT LOCKED IN, SAY, IN ORDINANCE FORM OR IN CHARTER  
23 FORM, SOMETHING THAT REQUIRED A 4/5 VOTE ON ANYTHING THAT  
24 ISN'T REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. THIS DOES NOT DO THAT. BUT I DO  
25 THINK IT PUTS THIS BOARD FOR THE NEXT 3-1/2 MONTHS AND THE

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1 NEXT BOARD IN A POSITION WHERE I GUESS THEY'D BETTER HAVE-- IF  
2 I WAS SITTING HERE, I'D WANT A VERY GOOD REASON TO SUSPEND THE  
3 POLICY BEFORE DOING SO. AND SO WE COULD ACCOUNT TO THE PUBLIC,  
4 TO OUR LABOR PARTNERS, TO OTHERS WHY WE SUSPENDED THE POLICY  
5 AND JUST CAN'T BE A WILLY-NILLY THING. BUT MY BET IS THIS WILL  
6 NEVER COME TO A HEAD. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE WAY IT'S BEING  
7 PERCEIVED BY SOME OF OUR LABOR PARTNERS. AND I HATE TO SEE  
8 SOMETHING THAT WOULD UNDERMINE THE PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN  
9 CREATED, BUT I DON'T THINK THIS NEEDS TO BE THAT. IT WILL  
10 STILL ULTIMATELY TAKE THREE VOTES IF THERE'S A DEAD LOCK. IF  
11 IT'S A HUNG JURY HERE, THREE VOTES WILL DETERMINE THE OUTCOME.  
12 BUT AS I SAID, THAT'S NOT HAPPENED IN MY MEMORY. WHERE WE HAD  
13 A CONTRACT GO ON A 3-2 VOTE. CERTAINLY NOT IN THE LAST DECADE  
14 AND A HALF. AND IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN GOING FORWARD. SO WITH  
15 THAT, I'M FINE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS  
18 AMENDED YES?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE AMENDMENT, COULD WE ALSO INCLUDE THE  
21 THINKING-- IN MY AREA, THERE ARE SOME INTERESTS IN FEE  
22 HOLIDAYS TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS COPE WITH THE BURDENS SO THAT  
23 THEY WOULD EXPLORE THAT IN THE REPORT BACK.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
3 THOMAS. HIS AMENDMENT IS LOOKING AT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY  
4 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. AND SAYING THIS IS ONE OF THE OPTIONS  
5 THEY CAN EXPLORE WHEN THEY DO THEIR REPORT BACK TO US.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M FINE WITH THAT. REPORT BACK.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. BUT I THINK THAT MORE COMES UNDER  
10 THE SUPPLEMENTAL. BUT I'M NOT SURE. BUT YOU WILL ACCEPT IT?  
11 OKAY. ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I RAISE ONE OTHER ISSUE RELATING TO THE  
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS AMENDMENT? I'D LIKE TO-- IT CALLS FOR  
15 CONTRACTING TO FIND A CONTRACTOR WHO WOULD DO THE ANALYSIS, I  
16 BELIEVE THAT'S THE CASE. COULD WE JUST HAVE AS PART OF THIS  
17 MOTION, MAYBE JUST ACCEPT IT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE  
18 CONTRACT BE BROUGHT TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL WHEN IT'S DONE?  
19 WHEN IT'S READY FOR PRIME TIME? RATHER THAN BE DELEGATED TO  
20 ANYBODY?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT AND ALL THE AMENDMENTS AND ALL  
2    THE CLARIFICATIONS, ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? THE CHAIR WILL  
3    MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
4    ORDERED. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. NEXT IS ITEM NO. 7. GENEVIEVE?

5

6    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF  
7    SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I THINK IF ANY CHANGE CAN  
8    HAPPEN TO THE SMALL BUSINESS, I'M TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THIS.  
9    MYSELF, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, I CONTACTED THE CONSUMER  
10   AFFAIRS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I FIND THEM VERY  
11   UNRESPONSIVE. SO I THINK IF WE CAN ADD A BETTER ELEMENT TO  
12   HAVE THEM PERFORM BETTER, SURELY THAT SHOULD HELP. AND IF THEY  
13   TOTALLY ARE A CONCIERGE FOR SMALL BUSINESS, I SEE IT AS A  
14   POSITIVE. THANK YOU.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS?

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18   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
19   DISTRICT 3. UNDER THIS NEW APPROACH IN A GROUP AND THEN AGAIN.  
20   ITEM 7 HAS TO DO WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS INITIATIVE WHICH I  
21   THINK EVERYBODY WOULD AGREE, WE NEED TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES  
22   IN L.A. COUNTY. LAST WEEK AT THE PRESENTATION, SUPERVISOR  
23   KNABE INTRODUCED THE I.B.M. GUYS WHO WERE PICKING UP-- HAD  
24   DONE SOME HELP FOR US IN THE CHILD-- I BELIEVE IT WAS CHILD  
25   SUPPORT DEPARTMENT. THEY MADE AN APP THAT WAS VERY NICE. HIS

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1 SON IS A LOBBYIST FOR THAT FIRM. AND ITEM 5, THERE'S A HUGE  
2 ITEM ABOUT DATA IN DOWNEY. AND THEY MADE A SPECIAL REPORT ON  
3 THAT, TOO. AND GUESS WHAT? THE COUNTY COUNSEL--

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS ITEM 7.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** I KNOW. THIS IS ABOUT HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES.  
8 I'M SAYING WE ARE FACILITATING FOR LARGE BUSINESSES MANY  
9 DIFFERENT OPPORTUNITIES LIKE A.E.C.O.M. WHICH IS A VASTLY  
10 GROWING FIRM BUT SMALL OUTFITS AND COMPANIES CONTRACTORS, WE  
11 SAW IT, AS YOU ALL RECALL, IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SERVICE  
12 SECTION WHERE THE SMALL GUYS WERE BEING FORCED TO AGGREGATE  
13 INTO LARGER COMPANIES. WE SEE IT ACROSS THE COUNTY WHERE A  
14 GROUP LIKE DIAMOND CONTRACT SERVICES WAS ALLOWED TO BLOAT  
15 ITSELF ENORMOUSLY, TAKE ON HUGE CONTRACTS AND THEN THE ROACH  
16 GOES OUT OF THE SHELL AND MOVES AND THAT WHOLE THING  
17 COLLAPSES, COSTING THE COUNTY TAXPAYERS MONEY. THIS IS A VERY  
18 LARGE COMPANY. SO I SUPPORT HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES GET A LEG  
19 UP IN THE COUNTY AND THIS IS REALLY FOCUSED ON KIND OF A  
20 CONCIERGE IDEA WHICH IS ABSOLUTELY COMING FROM THE RIGHT  
21 PLACE. BUT THE QUESTION OF WHERE THAT CONCIERGE TO HELP SMALL  
22 BUSINESSES NAVIGATE THE COUNTY SHOULD BE HOUSED IS VERY  
23 IMPORTANT AND IT SHOULD NOT BE IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE  
24 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THAT'S YOUR OFFICE. AND YOU HAVE  
25 LOTS OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH CONTRACTS. SO IT SHOULD NOT JUST BE



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1 AN OPPORTUNITY TO FACILITATE SMALL DEALS FOR FRIENDS AND  
2 OTHERS OR GOOD GROUPS WHO ARE NOT FRIENDS AND OTHERS. IT  
3 SHOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT GROUP AND CONSUMER FAIRS SEEMS LIKE A  
4 GOOD AREA, OF COURSE, IT IS ALSO A COUNTY GROUP. I DON'T KNOW.  
5 I THINK THAT WE DEFINITELY NEED TO TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY. WHY  
6 NOT REPORT BACK ON CONCRETE PROPOSALS, WHICH MAYBE THIS IS,  
7 ACTUALLY, AND DECIDE, HOW CAN WE FACILITATE MORE SMALL  
8 BUSINESSES IN L.A. COUNTY?

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT. PATRICK O'ROURKE?

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. I BELIEVE-- I DON'T  
13 KNOW EXACTLY WHEN IT HAPPENED, BUT SEVERAL YEARS AGO YOU HAD A  
14 BIG STINK UP HERE REGARDING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND SCORING  
15 SHEETS. AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MADE A DEMAND THAT THE  
16 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS BE DONE OVER AGAIN. AND LITTLE BIT VAGUE  
17 ON THE BOUNDARIES BUT I DO REMEMBER THERE WAS A REAL BIG  
18 HULLABALOO AMONGST THE BOARD REGARDING PROJECTS. SO MY  
19 QUESTION ACTUALLY WOULD BE REGARDING THAT WHOLE SITUATION IS,  
20 WHY WASN'T THIS SITUATION WITH SMALL BUSINESS LOOKED AT THAT  
21 TIME? AND AGAIN I GO BACK TO THE SILOS THAT YOU SO  
22 CONVENIENTLY WANT TO BRING UP AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. METRO HAS A  
23 SMALL BUSINESS POLICY. YOU SIT ON THE BOARD OF METRO, DON'T  
24 YOU? HOW DOES THAT POLICY WORK? WHY DON'T YOU USE THEIR  
25 POLICY? IT'S WORKING SO EFFECTIVELY. THE REAL PROBLEM WITH

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1 THAT POLICY IS ACHIEVEMENT. YOU'RE GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY BUT  
2 YOU'RE NOT NECESSARILY ACHIEVING ANYTHING FOR THE SMALL  
3 BUSINESSES. AND THEY HAVE A SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM THERE AND  
4 YOU HEAR THEY CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE BIDDING. BUT THEY DON'T  
5 GET NECESSARILY THE PROGRAMS. SOMEBODY ONCE SAID-- AND THEY  
6 WERE QUOTED HERE, THE GUY'S SPINNING IN HIS GRAVE-- DON'T  
7 CONFUSE ACTIVITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT. WELL, BEING SAID, DON'T  
8 CONFUSE OPPORTUNITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT. BECAUSE HAVING THE  
9 OPPORTUNITY AND BEING GIVEN THE ACCESS TO THE CONTRACTS AND  
10 BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE CONTRACTS AND SAYING OH, SORRY, WELL,  
11 YOU KNOW, THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE GO METRO.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

14

15 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO PROTEST NOT BEING  
16 ABLE TO ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 6. I WAS HERE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALLED YOU SEVERAL TIMES. YOU DIDN'T  
19 COME FORWARD. YOU DIDN'T COME FORWARD. SPEAK ON ITEM 7,

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21 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** I'M SORRY, I WAS DELAYED, BUT THERE WAS A  
22 PERSON SPEAKING HERE.. YOU SAW ME, KNABE, YOU SAW ME.  
23 SECONDLY, I DON'T THINK THAT YOU GUYS UNDERSTAND THAT USING  
24 THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIVISION TO BLOCK PEOPLE FROM HAVING  
25 ACCESS TO IT BECAUSE BUSINESSES THAT DO BUSINESS WITH THE

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1 COUNTY IS NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST. WHAT IS HAPPENING IS  
2 THAT I'M GETTING NEWS THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO  
3 THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS BECAUSE OF SMALL BUSINESSES THAT THE  
4 COUNTY HAS OUT RESOURCED ITS PROJECTS. IN OTHER WORDS, SMALL  
5 BUSINESSES SUCH AS PARKING TICKETS, CERTAIN ADOPTION AGENCIES  
6 AND SUCH, THESE BUSINESSES WORK WITHIN THE COUNTY. THEY HAVE  
7 LIAISONS WITH THE COUNTY. THEY ALREADY HAVE DEFENSE. WHY ARE  
8 PEOPLE BEING DENIED ACCESS TO THE RESOURCES THAT THE CONSUMER  
9 AFFAIRS DIVISION HAS BECAUSE THESE BUSINESSES HAVE A CONFLICT  
10 OF INTEREST BECAUSE THEY'RE DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY. I  
11 DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. BUT THIS IS THE INFORMATION THAT I'M  
12 GETTING AND IT JOGS WITH POLICIES OF THE COUNTIES RIGHT NOW  
13 WHICH ARE SO MESSED UP, SO CONFUSED, SO JUXTAPOSED AND SO  
14 BIASED AGAINST THE PUBLIC, LIKE KEEPING A PERSON FROM VOTING,  
15 KEEPING A PERSON FROM COMING UP HERE AND SPEAKING, DENYING  
16 THEM ACCESS, DENYING THEM THE DECENCY OF A RESPONSE. YOU  
17 RESPONDED A COUPLE YEARS AGO TO AN ACTOR, DIRECTLY ON HIS  
18 PROBLEM. YOU KNOW WHAT ACTOR THIS IS. HE PLAYED IN SOME VERY  
19 HIGH LEVEL SITCOMS. HE'S WELL KNOWN. I FORGET HIS NAME. BUT  
20 YOU RESPONDED DIRECTLY TO HIM, KNABE. YOU RESPONDED DIRECTLY  
21 TO HIM. YOU INTERVIEWED HIM. I WAS HERE ON AN ONGOING CASE  
22 WITH THE COUNTY.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 'NABE SAYS THANK YOU. RAY BISHOP?

25

# THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT

OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



1   **RAY BISHOP:** I'M PLEASED TO HAVE KNOWN YOU OVER MANY YEARS AND  
2   ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU. FOR THE LAST 15  
3   YEARS I'VE SERVED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION FOR THE  
4   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND I NOW SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THAT  
5   COMMISSION. I HAVE TO SAY, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MENTIONED  
6   THAT MANY TIMES YOU HEAR THAT THE COUNTY HAS NOT DONE  
7   SOMETHING RIGHT. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT YOU DID SOMETHING NOT  
8   ONLY RIGHT BUT GREAT WHEN YOU IMPLEMENTED THE GOLD STEPS SOME  
9   15 YEARS AGO TO HELP SMALL BUSINESS OBTAIN CONTRACTS AND  
10   PURCHASING THROUGH THE COUNTY AND YOUR TREMENDOUS PURCHASING  
11   POWER. AND, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I KNOW THAT YOU WERE ESPECIALLY  
12   INSTRUMENTAL IN WORKING IN THAT WITH THE OTHER SUPERVISORS. SO  
13   I THANK YOU FOR THAT. OVER THE YEARS, WHEN I FIRST WENT ON THE  
14   COMMISSION, ACTUALLY CONGRESSMAN TORRES SUGGESTED THAT I GO ON  
15   AS AN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND SUPERVISOR KNABE APPOINTED ME.  
16   LATER SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS APPOINTED ME OVER THE YEARS.  
17   I'VE SERVED ON CHAIRMAN OF PROCESSING COMMITTEE AND VICE  
18   CHAIR. AND OVER THE YEARS, I'VE COME TO KNOW THE FRUSTRATIONS  
19   OF WORKING WITH A HUGE BUREAUCRACY AS THE COUNTY IS. THE BOARD  
20   OF SUPERVISORS HAVE HAD GREAT INTENTIONS. HOWEVER, THE  
21   IMPORTANT POINT THAT WE ARE NOW DEALING WITH IS SOME TYPE OF  
22   INDEPENDENCE FOR THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AND TO HELP YOUR  
23   COMMISSIONERS DO WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO, WHICH WAS TO  
24   FOLLOW YOUR INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE BOLD STEPS. THE BOLD STEPS  
25   PROVIDED THAT WE WOULD SEE THAT WORK CONTRACTS AND PURCHASING

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1 OPPORTUNITIES WENT TO SMALL BUSINESS, THAT WE GET DATA. WE  
2 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS UNDER I.S.D. I APPLAUD THE  
3 EFFORT TO MOVE OUR COMMISSION TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND MOVE  
4 THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS. I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU  
5 VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. THE ITEM'S  
8 BEFORE US. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 10.  
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU'RE HOLDING ITEM NO. 10? DO YOU  
11 WANT ME TO CALL ON THE PUBLIC FIRST OR DO YOU HAVE SOME  
12 COMMENTS FIRST?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS YOU WISH, MR. CHAIRMAN.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 10, GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PREVEN,  
17 SACHS AND JOHN WALSH.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN AND IT MUST BE A LEAP YEAR.  
20 ITEM NO. 10 IS, IN FACT, THE 13-1/2 MILLION DOLLARS FOR  
21 A.E.C.O.M. TO GO FURTHER INTO THE MILLION-AND-A-HALF DOLLAR  
22 CONTRACT THEY TOOK TO GIVE US AN INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE IN  
23 SEPTEMBER OF 2012. I JUST WANT TO OUTLINE BRIEFLY BECAUSE THIS  
24 IS A VERY, VERY ROBUST COUNTY OPERATION. IN 2011, THEY WERE  
25 GIVEN 13 MILLION FOR THE JAIL. IN JANUARY 2012 THEY WERE GIVEN

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1 ANOTHER 5.7 MILLION FOR THE JAIL. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2012, A  
2 MILLION AND A HALF AS I JUST REFERENCED FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
3 PROJECT TO REPORT BACK ON WHERE WE WERE. I REMEMBER MARK  
4 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD A GOOD CONVERSATION WITH MISS ROBINSON OF  
5 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. IN AUGUST OF 2014, JUST YESTERDAY OR LAST  
6 WEEK, THERE WAS 13-1/2 MILLION, 10.5 MILLION OF WHICH IS GOING  
7 TO BE FOR SCOPING THROUGH A.E.C.O.M. THAT I REFERENCED IN MY  
8 EARLIER REMARKS. AND THEN TODAY WE ARE GOING TO ROLL OUT  
9 ANOTHER 13-1/2 MILLION TO MAKE SENSE OF THE 1154 FACILITIES,  
10 SOME OF WHICH ARE RENTED, SOME OF WHICH ARE OWNED BY THE  
11 COUNTY. A.E.C.O.M. IS AN INTERESTING FIRM, AS I SAID BEFORE. I  
12 HAVE NOTHING AGAINST THEM. THEY ALSO WORKED ON OUR POLICE  
13 DEPARTMENT ACROSS THE STREET FOR THE L.A.P.D. THEY WERE  
14 INVOLVED IN THE LONG BEACH JUDICIAL PARTNERS L.L.C., WHICH IS  
15 ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THOSE WHO  
16 FEEL THAT'S AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO GO, BY GIVING UP THE REVENUE  
17 TO A PRIVATE FIRM IN EXCHANGE FOR A BRAND NEW SPANKING JAIL  
18 WHERE WE CAN DRAG VARIOUS FOLKS INTO COURT AND PROCESS THEM  
19 ACCORDINGLY. I'VE BEEN AGAINST THAT KIND OF ROLLOUT EVEN AS WE  
20 BUILD A BIG LUXURIOUS JAIL LIKE THAT, A.E.C.O.M. ALONG WITH  
21 SOME OTHER PARTNERS. WE HAVE TERRIBLE CUTBACKS THROUGHOUT THE  
22 COURT SYSTEM, AND, THUS, JUSTICE IS DENIED FROM THAT ENDLESS  
23 DELAY, THAT MANY FEEL INCLUDING MYSELF, AS THE BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS HAS DECIDED TO APPEAL A.C.L.U. PREVEN VERSUS  
25 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AFTER JUDGE LEVIN FOUND THAT THE

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1 BOARD OUGHT TO RELEASE THE-- AND THE DROOYAN, EXECUTIVE  
2 ATTORNEY AND ALL THOSE OTHER ATTORNEYS SHOULD--

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, PLEASE, THANK YOU.

5

6 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.  
7 RIGHT HERE TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING OR BLOGGING AT JWALSH  
8 CONFIDENTIAL OR TWEETING @HOLLYWOOD DEMS. THIS IS A GREAT DAY.  
9 NOT JUST FOR THIS ITEM, WHICH IS ANOTHER \$13 MILLION DOWN THE  
10 RAT HOLE FOR THE COUNTY JAIL, I MEAN, YOU SPEND ALL THIS  
11 MONEY. AND WHEN YOU GO IF THERE, YOU'RE GREETED BY RATS, I'M  
12 TALKING ABOUT FOUR-LEGGED RATS. I CONTINUALLY HEAR THAT THERE  
13 ARE RATS IN THAT BUILDING. WHY INSTEAD OF NOT-- INSTEAD OF  
14 GIVING THE MONEY TO A.E.C.O.M, WHY DON'T YOU BRING IN A RAT  
15 CATCHER? AND I'M SURE YOU CAN HIRE SOME EX CONS AND YOU CAN  
16 CLEAN THE FOUR-LEGGED RATS OUT OF THE COUNTY JAIL. NOW, AS FAR  
17 AS-- SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO DO RIGHT NOW. YOU  
18 KNOW, I DON'T NEED THE TWO MINUTES TO GET OFF. AND I JUST WANT  
19 TO SAY TO EVERYONE NOW: STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING. TURN OFF THE  
20 T.V. IF YOU'RE WATCHING THIS IN THE MORNING LIVE AND GO OUT  
21 AND VOTE FOR GEORGE MCKENNA FOR SCHOOL BOARD.  
22 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

25



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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 10, I AM  
3 EXTREMELY CONCERNED OF THE 13 MILLION BECAUSE I THINK IT'S A  
4 LOT OF MONEY SPENT FOR NOT SHAKING A LOT BECAUSE THAT'S NOT  
5 THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE THAT COMPANY DOING SOME WORK FOR US.  
6 AND THEY OVERLOOK A LOT OF THE BAD CONDITION OF CERTAIN  
7 BUILDINGS. AND PERSONALLY MYSELF, I WOULD LIKE THEM TO TAKE A  
8 LOOK AT U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THE  
9 ORIGINAL GEOLOGIC STUDY WE HAVE DONE BEFORE THAT BUILDING WAS  
10 CONSTRUCTED. AND I HAVE A REQUEST FROM O.S.H.P.D. TO GET ALL  
11 THE INFORMATION ON IT, BUT I THINK A LOT OF OUR BUILDINGS ARE  
12 NOT KEPT UP TO STANDARDS. AND WHEN YOU GO IN MANY OF THE  
13 COUNTY FACILITIES, YOU CAN SEE A DOWNGRADE. EVEN COMING HERE  
14 TO THE BOARD WHEN YOU GO IN THE SECOND FLOOR, IT IS IN  
15 TERRIBLE SHAPE. YOU SEE STUFF ALL OVER THE PLACE. YOU SEE  
16 WALLS FALLING APART AND SO ON. SO I THINK I HIGHLY RECOMMEND  
17 THAT YOU SUPERVISE THE WORK WE ARE PAYING 13 MILLION FOR.  
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. GOING TO HAVE TO  
23 GET A CALENDAR FOR THESE GUYS. 13 MILLION FOR A.E.C.O.M. YOU  
24 KNOW, THEY'RE ALSO INVOLVED AT THE HARBOR? L.A.X., METRO. THEY  
25 GOT A LOT OF MONEY INVESTED IN L.A. COUNTY IN ALL THESE

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1 DIFFERENT AREAS. I WAS JUST WONDERING: WAS NAVIGANT NOT  
2 AVAILABLE? SOMEBODY JUST MENTIONED IT. MAINTENANCE. THE  
3 SHERIFF'S GOING TO BE MOVING INTO THE NEW FACILITIES  
4 DIAGONALLY ACROSS FROM US. WHAT DO YOU PLAN FOR THE PROPERTIES  
5 THAT THEY NOW OCCUPY? 13 MILLION, AGAIN, YOU GOT 6 MILLION FOR  
6 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE.  
7 PRIORITIES. AND THESE CONTRACTS GO OUT. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS A  
8 BIG STINK AT L.A.X. REGARDING THESE CONSULTANT SERVICES.  
9 WHAT'S INCLUDED? THEY TALKED ABOUT THE SPECIAL-- THEY GET  
10 HOUSING, THEY GET MEALS. AND THEY GET CERTAIN PERKS INVOLVED  
11 IN THE CONTRACTS FOR L.A.X. NOW, WE KNOW HOW FISCALLY  
12 RESPONSIBLE THE COUNTY IS, THE BOARD. THOSE THINGS PROBABLY  
13 AREN'T INCLUDED IN ANY OF THESE CONTRACTS. BOY, I'M TELLING  
14 YOU, MUST BE SOMETHING. I'M JUST WONDERING. THEY'RE NOT  
15 INCLUDED BUT THESE PEOPLE ARE ACTUALLY MAKING A KILLING IN  
16 THIS COUNTY WITH ALL THE MONEY THAT THEY'VE GOTTEN FROM THE  
17 CONTRACTS AT L.A.X. I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR  
18 ANTONOVICH, YOU MENTIONED L.A.X. IS LIKE BEING IN THE THIRD  
19 WORLD COUNTRY AND YET THESE ARE THE CONSULTANTS THEY HIRED TO  
20 DO THE BUILDING AND FORECASTING FOR THE AIRPORT. PRETTY WEIRD  
21 YOU TURN CAN AROUND AND HIRE THEM FOR THE COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THE ITEM--  
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE  
2    IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTY-WIDE DEFERRED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AS  
3    IT RELATES TO ITEM 10 IS RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD. WE'RE BEING  
4    ASKED TO ALLOCATE APPROXIMATELY 13.5 MILLION IN ORDER FOR THE  
5    C.E.O. TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTANT SERVICES WITH A.E.C.O.M.  
6    TECHNICAL SERVICES. GIVEN THAT THE ASSESSMENT WILL TAKE  
7    ANYWHERE FROM 3 TO 5 YEARS, IT'S IMPORTANT, I BELIEVE, FOR  
8    ATTENDANT DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY THOSE MOST CRITICAL REPAIRS.  
9    AND I THINK THE FEEDBACK WILL HELP DEVELOP PRIORITIZATION  
10   CRITERION FOR DETERMINING THE ORDER IN WHICH BUILDINGS SHOULD  
11   BE ASSESSED DURING PHASE 2. WE DIRECT THAT THE C.E.O., WORKING  
12   IN CONSULTATION WITH APPLICABLE DEPARTMENTS, REPORT BACK IN  
13   WRITING TO THE BOARD IN 60 DAYS WITH A BUILDING REVIEW OF  
14   PRIORITIZATION PLAN FOR PHASE 2 OF THE BUILDING CONDITION  
15   ASSESSMENTS. AND SECONDLY, REPORT BACK IN WRITING TO THE BOARD  
16   QUARTERLY WITH AN UPDATE ON THE BUILDING ASSESSMENTS  
17   PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED AS WELL AS THOSE PROPOSED FOR THE NEXT  
18   QUARTER. AND, FINALLY, REPORT BACK IN WRITING TO THE BOARD  
19   WITHIN 90 DAYS WITH A STRATEGY FOR ENSURING THAT THE DATABASE  
20   BE KEPT CURRENT. THAT WOULD ESSENTIALLY BE THE AMENDMENT TO  
21   THE ITEM THAT IS BEFORE US. I SO MOVE.

22  
23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO THE ITEM IS BEFORE US AS  
24   AMENDED. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR

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1 ANTONOVICH. AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT  
2 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 13. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND  
7 MYSELF HELD THAT. I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT,  
8 IF THEY'RE HERE. ITEM 13? YOU KNOW, THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE,  
9 I'VE BEEN A SUPPORTER OF ALL OF THIS, MY CITIES AND DISTRICT  
10 HAVE GONE FORWARD WITH THE P.A.C..E PROGRAM AND THE  
11 CONSTITUENTS REALLY LIKE IT. THE QUESTION I HAVE IS THE  
12 ONGOING OPPOSITION BY THE F.H.F.A. ON THE IMPACT THAT SHOULD  
13 THEY EVER DECIDE TO PULL THE PLUG, WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE LOANS  
14 AND THE PROPERTIES AND THAT WHOLE SITUATION OF SOMEBODY'S IN  
15 THE MIDDLE OF THE PROCESS, WHICH IT COULD BE. NOT JUST THE  
16 UNINCORPORATED AREA, WHICH IS WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH, BUT THE  
17 CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

18

19 **DOUG BARON:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR. DOUG BARON WITH  
20 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT ANY F.H.F.A.  
21 ACTION WOULD BE PROSPECTIVE IN NATURE AND WOULD NOT IMPACT  
22 THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE INITIATED CASE LOANS ON THEIR  
23 PROPERTIES. THE TWO ACTIONS THAT F.H.F.A. HAS REFERENCED IN  
24 THEIR MEMORANDA ARE, ONE, THAT THEY MIGHT ALTER THE  
25 UNDERWRITING CRITERIA IN JURISDICTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR P.A.C.E.

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1 ASSESSMENTS; AND, SECONDLY, THAT THEY COULD CEASE UNDERWRITING  
2 MORTGAGES ALTOGETHER IN THOSE JURISDICTIONS. IF EITHER OF  
3 THOSE STEPS WERE INITIATED BY THE FEDERAL MORTGAGE AGENCIES,  
4 THE COUNTY WOULD SHUT DOWN ITS PROGRAM IMMEDIATELY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE ISSUE HERE IS WE DON'T WANT  
7 TO HAVE ANY INCREASE OF FORECLOSURES OR BE IN A POSITION  
8 BECAUSE OF TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING TO ALLOW OUR FOLKS TO  
9 DO THE ENERGY UPGRADE IN ALL THESE KIND OF THINGS AND THEN PUT  
10 THEM IN A POSITION TO DO SOMETHING TOTALLY OUT OF OUR CONTROL.  
11 I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THAT DECISION IS NOT MADE BY US. THAT  
12 DECISION IS MADE BY THE F.H.F.A.

13

14 **DOUG BARON:** AND THE F.H.F.A. TO THIS POINT IN TIME HAS NEVER  
15 INTIMATED THAT THEY WOULD WOULD INITIATE A FORECLOSURE  
16 PROCEEDING BASED ON A TECHNICAL DEFAULT OF THE MORTGAGE  
17 CONTRACT. THAT HAS NOT BEEN SOMETHING THEY HAVE PUT FORWARD IN  
18 THEIR COMMUNICATIONS. THE FORECLOSURE RISK IS LARGELY  
19 ASSOCIATED WITH BOND HOLDERS WHO WOULD PURCHASE THE ASSESSMENT  
20 CONTRACTS. AND A KEY PREMISE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT IF  
21 THE COUNTY MANAGES ITS OWN RESIDENTIAL P.A.C.E. PROGRAM, WE  
22 HAVE THE ABILITY TO BETTER PROTECT HOMEOWNERS AND MITIGATE  
23 AGAINST THAT TYPE OF FORECLOSURE RISK.

24

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU  
2    HAD SOME QUESTIONS?

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAD ONE QUESTION, ONE QUESTION/COMMENT.  
5    THE MATTER BEFORE US WILL, IF I UNDERSTAND IT, WILL ALLOW FOR  
6    THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING TWO CONTRACTORS DO THIS WORK, IS  
7    THAT CORRECT?

8

9    **DOUG BARON:** THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR R.F.P. TO BE  
10    DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS OR WEEKS, AND IT WILL  
11    ALLOW FOR ONE OR MORE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS TO MANAGE  
12    RESIDENTIAL P.A.C.E. THE SELECTION OF ONE VERSUS MORE THAN ONE  
13    WILL LARGELY BE DETERMINED BASED ON THE RESPONSES RECEIVED  
14    PURSUANT TO THAT R.F.P.

15

16    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THE R.F.P. WILL MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ONE  
17    OR MORE MAY BE SELECTED?

18

19    **DOUG BARON:** ABSOLUTELY. YES.

20

21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WANT TO JUST READ AN AMENDMENT TO  
22    THIS I DON'T THINK SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY CONTROVERSIAL.  
23    "CALIFORNIA'S CURRENT DROUGHT SERVES AS A CRITICAL REMINDER OF  
24    THE NEED TO REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS TO SAVE WATER AND P.A.C.E.  
25    FINANCING CAN PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TOOL TO HELP RESIDENTIAL

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1 AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS IMPLEMENT WATER EFFICIENCY.  
2 IMPROVEMENTS. MOREOVER, IN RECOGNITION OF THE SIGNIFICANT  
3 ENERGY CONSUMPTION ASSOCIATED WITH WATER USE IN SOUTHERN  
4 CALIFORNIA, THE COUNTY'S P.A.C.E. PROGRAM INCLUDED WATER  
5 EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE INCEPTION OF THE COUNTY'S  
6 PROGRAM. HOWEVER, TO DATE MOST OF THE P.A.C..E FINANCE  
7 IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA HAVE PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON  
8 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SOLAR POWER GENERATION. TO ENSURE THAT  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S P.A.C.E PROGRAM ALSO FACILITATES WATER  
10 CONSERVATION, I.S.D. SHOULD USE THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR  
11 R.F.P. PROCESS TO ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE ALL PROPOSERS TO MAXIMIZE  
12 THE AVAILABILITY OF P.A.C.E. FINANCING FOR WATER EFFICIENCY  
13 IMPROVEMENTS. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
14 INSTRUCT I.S.D. TO CREATE AN INCENTIVE IN THE SCORING OF THE  
15 P.A.C.E. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR R.F.P. THAT WILL ENCOURAGE ALL  
16 PROPOSERS TO CREATE IMPROVED FINANCING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
17 ELIGIBLE WATER EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS AS A COMPONENT OF LOS  
18 ANGELES COUNTY'S P.A.C.E. PROGRAM."

19  
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT PROTECTIONS ARE IN THE CURRENT PROGRAM  
21 THAT WERE NOT IN THE EARLIER VERSION TO PROTECT THE HOMEOWNER?

22  
23 **DOUG BARON:** SINCE WE, THE LAST PRESENTATION TO YOUR BOARD ON  
24 THIS TOPIC, THE COUNTY HAS REVIEWED CLOSELY THE ISSUE OF  
25 CONSUMER PROTECTION. AND WE BELIEVE THAT IS BEST MANAGED



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1 THROUGH ADDITIONAL DISCLOSURE THAT OCCURS NOT JUST IN THE  
2 ASSESSMENT CONTRACT BUT ALSO IN THE APPLICATION. SO THAT IS  
3 NOT BEING DONE IN ALL OF THE EXISTING P.A.C.E. PROGRAMS.  
4 ADDITIONALLY, WE SEEK TO ESTABLISH A MORE ROBUST RESERVE FUND  
5 THAT CAN MITIGATE AGAINST BONDHOLDER FORECLOSURE. AND THEN A  
6 THIRD AVENUE IS THAT THE R.F.P. WILL SPECIFICALLY EMPHASIZE  
7 CONTROLS THAT WOULD BE PUT IN PLACE ON CONTRACTORS WHO REALLY  
8 ARE THERE AT THE POINT OF SALE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THERE  
9 ARE NO PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES ASSOCIATED WITH P.A.C.E.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT SAFEGUARDS ARE THERE AGAINST PREDATORY  
12 CONTRACTORS OR PREDATORY ADMINISTRATOR WHO FAIL TO NOTIFY  
13 HOMEOWNERS THAT THEY MAY LOSE THEIR HOMES IF THEY FAIL TO MAKE  
14 ONE HOUSE PAYMENT?

15

16 **DOUG BARON:** FIRST AND FOREMOST, IF RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH  
17 FORECLOSURE, WHETHER IT RELATES TO BOND HOLDERS OR FEDERAL  
18 MORTGAGE AGENCIES, WILL BE DISCLOSED IN THE APPLICATION  
19 DOCUMENT ITSELF, AND NO LOAN CAN PROCEED WITHOUT A SIGNED  
20 APPLICATION IN THE FIRST PLACE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IN BOLD PRINT, THE HOMEOWNER WILL KNOW  
23 THEY WOULD LOSE THEIR HOME, COULD LOSE THEIR HOME IF THEY  
24 FAILED ONE PAYMENT?

25

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1    **DOUG BARON:** YES. THERE IS THE RIGHT TO INITIATE JUDICIAL  
2    FORECLOSURE, AND THAT WILL BE SPELLED OUT IN THE APPLICATION.

3

4    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AFTER MISSING ONE PAYMENT?

5

6    **DOUG BARON:** IT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE COUNTY'S PROGRAM TO  
7    HAVE A RESERVE FUND SUFFICIENTLY FUNDED SUCH THAT ONE MISSED  
8    PAYMENT DOES NOT TRIGGER A BONDHOLDER FORECLOSURE. TO THE  
9    EXTENT THAT THAT BOND FUND IS INSUFFICIENTLY FUNDED, THEN,  
10   YES, THERE WOULD BE THE ABILITY TO FORECLOSE AFTER ONE MISSED  
11   PAYMENT.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. THERE WOULD BE THE ABILITY TO FORECLOSE.  
14   AGAIN, I MEAN, THIS IS WHY SOME CITIES HAVE NOW DROPPED OUT OF  
15   THIS PROGRAM BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOME FAST  
16   SALESPERSON, SELL THESE PEOPLE THIS GREAT IDEA, AND LITTLE DO  
17   THEY KNOW IN THE FINE PRINT THAT THEY COULD LOSE THEIR HOME IF  
18   THEY MISS ONE PAYMENT. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK THIS IS TOTALLY  
19   IRRESPONSIBLE AND WHY I VOTED AGAINST IT THE FIRST TIME. I  
20   MEAN, IT'S LIKE PINOCCHIO WHERE THEY'RE GIVING ALL THESE KIDS  
21   CANDY AND EVERYTHING TO GO SKIP SCHOOL AND ALL BECOME JACK  
22   ASSES. WHERE WOULD THE MONEY COME FROM FOR THE ROBUST RESERVE  
23   FUND?

24

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1   **DOUG BARON:** THE RESERVE FUND WOULD BE PART OF THE ASSESSMENT  
2   THAT IS LEVIED AS PART OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY ASSOCIATED  
3   WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS. IT WOULD BE FUNDED BY THE PROPERTY  
4   OWNERS.

5

6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FUNDED BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS THEMSELVES  
7   AGAIN.

8

9   **DOUG BARON:** YES.

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11   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

12

13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES, JUST TO BE CERTAIN, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
14   AFTER YOU RESTRAIN SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN TERMS OF HIS  
15   HARKING BACK TO PINOCCHIO, WE'LL DO THAT LATER, I'M SURE. I  
16   WANT TO THANK THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR AND COUNTY COUNSEL  
17   AS WELL AS I.S.D. FOR A THOROUGH RESPONSE TO THE MOTION THAT  
18   WAS BROUGHT ON MAY 20TH. IN MY VIEW, THEIR REPORT DOES A  
19   COMPREHENSIVE JOB OF SUMMARIZING THE STRATEGIES THAT THE  
20   COUNTY CAN EMPLOY IN MITIGATING CONSUMER RISKS IN ESTABLISHING  
21   OUR OWN P.A.C.E. PROGRAM. P.A.C.E. CONTINUES TO BE A SOUGHT-  
22   AFTER TOOL IN FINANCING BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL ENERGY  
23   IMPROVEMENTS. WITHIN THE CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
24   ANGELES THAT HAVE IMPLEMENTED THIS PROGRAM, IT SHOULD BE KNOWN  
25   THAT OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS, SOME 600 RESIDENTS HAVE

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1 ALREADY ENTERED INTO ASSESSMENTS-- ASSESSMENT AGREEMENTS  
2 VALUED AT OVER \$13 MILLION. P.A.C.E. FINANCING CAN BE MORE  
3 EXPEDITIOUS THAN A TRADITIONAL LOAN OR CREDIT LINE, AND THE  
4 INTEREST RATES APPEAR TO BE COMPARABLE OR BETTER THAN OTHER  
5 PRODUCTS ON THE MARKET. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING A COUNTY-  
6 WIDE PROGRAM GET IMPLEMENTED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THAT  
7 FORMALIZES THE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS. I WANT TO UNDERScore  
8 CONSUMER PROTECTIONS SO THAT WE CAN DO OUR PART IN PROVIDING  
9 RESIDENTS WITH A STRAIGHTFORWARD AND EFFICIENT PATH TO  
10 IMPLEMENTING CLEAN ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS. A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS  
11 WANT TO DO IT. IT SEEMS TO ME IT IS OUR OPPORTUNITY AND OUR  
12 RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST THEM IN DOING IT IN A CONSUMER  
13 FRIENDLY AND APPROPRIATE MANNER. MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JOIN  
14 THOSE IN MOVING THIS ITEM FORWARD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THIS ITEM, THEN, IS BEFORE US,  
17 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
18 YAROSLAVSKY AS AMENDED. IS THERE ANY OPPOSITION OTHER THAN  
19 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RECORDING SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS A NO  
24 VOTE, ITEM PASSES 4-1. THANK YOU. I CALL ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
25 AS AN URGENCY MOTION, I BELIEVE.

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1

2 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE A SPECIAL MOTION THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT

3 WE WOULD TAKE UP AS AN URGENCY. AND BASICALLY IT'S ABOUT

4 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VERNON AREA WITH REGARD TO THE EXIDE

5 BATTERY RECYCLING PLANT. AS YOU KNOW, THEIR COMMUNITY HAS

6 SUFFERED GREATLY BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF SOME OF THE STATE

7 AGENCIES, BASICALLY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES

8 CONTROL T.S.C. AS WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT, THE CAL E.P.A. AND

9 OF COURSE THE A.Q.M.D., NONE OF THEM HAVE REALLY WORKED

10 COLLECTIVELY AND STRONG ENOUGH TO ENFORCE STATE AND FEDERAL

11 LAWS REGULATING THE TOXIC WASTE AND EMISSIONS EMANATING FROM

12 THE EXIDE PLANT. DESPITE NUMEROUS AND REPEATED SERIOUS

13 VIOLATIONS AND NUMEROUS AND REPEATED REQUESTS FROM THE

14 COMMUNITY TO ENFORCE THE LAW, THEY STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO

15 DO THAT. CONSEQUENTLY, I'M BRINGING FORWARD A MOTION-- I

16 BROUGHT TOGETHER THE MOTION TO CREATE THE TOXIC RED STRIKE

17 TEAM TO APPROACH THIS ISSUE AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND JUSTICE

18 ISSUE, WHICH IT IS, FROM A COMMUNITY AS WELL AS A PUBLIC

19 HEALTH PERSPECTIVE. FOLLOWING THE PLAN OF SOIL TESTING AROUND

20 THE D.P.S.D., OUR STRIKE TEAM WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY TO

21 REACH OUT WITH THE D.P.S.D. TO GET COMMITMENTS TO NOT ONLY

22 REMEDIATE THE ONE OR TWO HOUSES TESTED BUT TO TEST ALL OF THE

23 HOMES IN THE COMMUNITY AND COMMIT TO REMEDIATING EACH AND

24 EVERY ONE OF THEM. LATE THIS PAST FRIDAY, WE LEARNED THAT

25 D.T.S.D. WAS ONLY COMMITTING TO REMEDIATE THE TWO HOUSES

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1 TESTED BY THEM, NOT THE ONES NEXT DOOR OR DOWN THE STREET, NOT  
2 EVEN THE 37 INITIAL D.T.S.D. HOUSES THAT HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED  
3 BY THEM AS HIGH RISK. WE'RE FINDING THIS TO BE TOTALLY  
4 UNACCEPTABLE. AGAIN, THE D.T.S.D. AS WELL AS CAL E.P.A. HAVE  
5 REFUSED TO COMMIT TO TESTING AND CLEANING UP THESE HOMES  
6 THEY'VE ALLOWED TO BECOME CONTAMINATED BY THEIR FAILURE TO  
7 REGULATE EXIDE'S EMISSIONS. WE UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE SOME  
8 PRESSURE THAT'S BEING EXERTED THAT MIGHT CHANGE THAT OUTCOME.  
9 BUT BASICALLY THE COMMUNITY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE LEFT  
10 SHOULDERING THIS BURDEN OF POLLUTION THAT IT HAS BECAUSE OF  
11 THE REGULATORY FAILURE WE'VE HAD UP TO NOW. SO WE NEED TO URGE  
12 THE GOVERNOR TO GET INVOLVED-- AND I REALLY MEAN GET INVOLVED--  
13 - AND FORCE OUR STATE AGENTS TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT  
14 THEY'RE PAID TO DO. THAT'S WHAT THE TAX DOLLARS ARE GOING FOR,  
15 AND TO FORCE EXIDE TO CLEAN UP THE MESS THEY MADE IN OUR  
16 COMMUNITIES. IF THIS WERE HAPPENING IN ANY OTHER IN  
17 NEIGHBORHOOD, I CAN ASSURE YOU THERE WOULD BE A SENSE OF  
18 URGENCY. BUT WE ARE CONCERNED. WE ARE ASKING THAT A FIVE  
19 SIGNATURE LETTER GO IMMEDIATELY OUT TO THE GOVERNOR AND  
20 HOPEFULLY GET HIM TO RESPOND TO THIS GREAT VIOLATION OF OUR  
21 ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS AND THE FAILURE OF MANY OF THESE  
22 ENVIRONMENTALLY REGULATED AGENCIES THAT ARE SUPPOSED TODAY  
23 TAKE THE LEADERSHIP. THIS IS THE COMMUNITY THAT IS BEING  
24 FAILED BY THESE ORGANIZATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY NEED US TO PUSH  
25 THEM FORWARD. SO I HAVE A MOTION THAT BASICALLY STATES THAT WE

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1 HAVE TO DECLARE THIS AS AN URGENCY THAT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION  
2 AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. AND THAT BECAUSE THE  
3 IMMEDIATE ACTIONS THAT THEY'RE TO ADDRESS THE PUBLIC HEALTH--  
4 BY THE WAY MY STAFF WRITES VERY LONG MOTIONS FOR ME TO READ  
5 IN, SO I'M TRYING TO SUMMARIZE IT. THE BOARD ACTS ON THE  
6 URGENCY ISSUE AND DIRECTS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PREPARE A  
7 FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO GOVERNOR BROWN REQUESTING THAT HE  
8 INTERCEDE WITH THE D.T.S.D. AND THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 PROTECTION AGENCY TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE PROVIDES THE  
10 FUNDING, PROVIDES LEAD SCREENING TO ALL OF THE 39 CONTAMINATED  
11 PROPERTIES, REVIEWS THE ACTIONS THAT LED TO THE STATE'S  
12 FAILURE AND FINALLY, PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE REGULATORY  
13 OVERSIGHT AS LISTED ON THE MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND THE URGENCY MOTION  
16 AND THEN THE ITEM BEFORE US MOVED BY SUPERVISOR--

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THE ONLY THING IS THAT I DO HAVE FATHER  
19 MORETTA, WHO--

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS GOING TO CALL IT. I JUST WANTED TO  
22 GET IT ON THE FLOOR.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'VE BEEN PATIENTLY WAITING.

25



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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WE'VE GOT FATHER  
2    MORETTA AND MARK LOPEZ, IF YOU'LL COME FORWARD, PLEASE.

3

4    **FR. MORETTA:** MY NAME IS MONSIGNOR JOHN MORETTA. I'M THE PASTOR  
5    OF RESURRECTION CHURCH IN BOYLE HEIGHTS FOR SOME 31 YEARS. I  
6    CANNOT COUNT HOW MANY TIMES THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ASKED TO GO  
7    BEFORE COMMITTEES, BEFORE AGENCIES, BEFORE COMMISSIONS, BEFORE  
8    EVEN YOUR OWN BOARD HERE TO GIVE TESTIMONY ABOUT THE LEAD  
9    CONTAMINATION. IT'S BEEN PRODUCED BY EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES FOR  
10   SOME 33 YEARS. AND TODAY THE MOTION OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA OR A  
11   LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR TO INTERVENE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC  
12   SUBSTANCE CONTROL AND THE E.P.A. IS RIGHT ON. THIS IS AN  
13   URGENCY ISSUE. YOUR STRIKE FORCE AND THE COMMUNITY HAS FOUND  
14   IT TO BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH AN AGENCY THAT IS OFTEN  
15   INEFFECTIVE IN CLEANING UP OUR NEIGHBORHOODS IN A TIMELY WAY.  
16   THE L.A. TIMES JUST THIS MORNING SAYS THAT THERE ARE SOME  
17   60,000 PEOPLE WITH 8,000 OF THEM TO BE CHILDREN. I THINK  
18   THAT'S A LOWBALL. THAT'S BASED ON THE CENSUS, THE LAST CENSUS.  
19   IT DEPENDS WHERE YOU FORM THAT CIRCLE. THAT'S STILL 60,000. WE  
20   BELIEVE IT'S CLOSER TO SHOULD BE 100,000. AS YOU REMEMBER, OUR  
21   FAMILIES WERE TOLD THAT THE CHILDREN SHOULD NOT PLAY IN THE  
22   DIRT, THAT PREGNANT WOMEN SHOULD NOT STEP ON THE DIRT, SHOULD  
23   NOT TOUCH THE DIRT. THE DANGER WASN'T TO THE WOMEN, AS SUCH,  
24   BUT TO THEIR EMBRYOS, TO THEIR CHILDREN. AND THEY STILL HAVE  
25   THAT PROTOCOL. THEY'RE TOLD IF THERE'S FRUIT, IF THERE'S

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1 VEGETABLES, THEY SHOULD NOT TOUCH THE GROUND. AND THAT'S BEEN  
2 IN EFFECT FOR MONTHS NOW. AND STILL NOTHING HAS BEEN-- THEY'RE  
3 JUST STARTING, STARTED TO DO ONE HOUSE BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE  
4 COMMITMENT FOR THEM TO CLEAN UP THE OTHER HOMES. SO THE DIRT  
5 WILL NOT-- SO WE ASK YOU ESPECIALLY TO HELP US SEND THIS  
6 LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR WITH URGENCY. WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **MARK LOPEZ:** MY NAME IS MARK LOPEZ. I'M WITH EAST YARD  
11 COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. I'M ALSO A  
12 MULTIGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE FIRST ZONE. MY  
13 GRANDPARENTS, MY PARENTS MYSELF AND MY TWO DAUGHTERS, ONE  
14 THAT'S TWO YEARS AND FIVE MONTHS AND THE OTHER THAT'S FIVE  
15 MONTHS OLD ALL RESIDE IN THIS AREA. AND ALONG WITH EXIDE'S  
16 CONTAMINATION, WE'VE ALSO STRUGGLED WITH INCONSISTENT  
17 COMMUNICATION FROM D.T.S.D. AND NO FIRM COMMITMENT TO  
18 APPROPRIATE TESTING INCLUDING STEP OUT SAMPLING AND CLEANUP.  
19 WE'VE ONLY BEGUN TO UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE IMPACT OF  
20 EXIDE'S CONTAMINATION AND IF NOT ADDRESSED, THIS IS GOING TO  
21 BE A LEGACY ISSUE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. EXIDE HAS NOT ACTED  
22 RESPONSIBLY. D.T.S.D. HAS NOT ACTED RESPONSIBLY. I'M GLAD  
23 SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS SHOWING LEADERSHIP IN CALLING FOR  
24 ACCOUNTABILITY OF D.T.S.D. AND I HOPE THE REST OF THE BOARD

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1 WILL JOIN HER IN THAT AND I LOOK FORWARD FOR CONTINUED ACTION  
2 AND WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTY ON THIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM? MR. SACHS, AS LONG  
5 AS YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT METRO. IF YOU TALK ABOUT METRO, I'M  
6 GOING TO CALL YOU OUT OF ORDER.

7

8 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. THAT'S A FINE FORM OF  
9 GOVERNANCE. BUT MY CONCERNS ACTUALLY ARE WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO  
10 SET-- OH, BY THE WAY, ARNOLD SACHS, WHY WOULD YOU NEED TO  
11 SETTLE FOR FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER? I BELIEVE ONE OF THE STATE  
12 LEGISLATORS, BRADFORD, PUT A LAW INTO EFFECT THAT THE BOARD  
13 CAN MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR. REMEMBER A COUPLE YEARS AGO, THE  
14 GOVERNOR CAME DOWN TO TALK ABOUT A.B.109 AND THE FUNDING? YOU  
15 MET IN CLOSED SESSION, AND YOU VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT. WOW.  
16 BUSTER BROWN. WHO KNOWS WHAT BROWN? JOE BROWN. AND YOU  
17 VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT, HUGE VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT. GOT  
18 SPANKED. AND THEN BRADFORD PUT A LAW ON THAT SAID YOU CAN MEET  
19 WITH THE GOVERNOR. SO WHY DON'T YOU CALL HIM ON DOWN? COME ON  
20 DOWN, GOVERNOR. WE GOT A PROBLEM HERE. WHY WASTE POSTAGE? COME  
21 ON DOWN. HAVE HIM TAKE A TOUR. WHY DO YOU NEED TO DO THAT? YOU  
22 ALREADY HAVE THE LEGISLATIVE POWER. BUT MORE POWER THAN METRO,  
23 OH I'M SORRY, I MENTIONED IT. SO WHY GO THROUGH THOSE STEPS IN  
24 THAT PROCESS? BECAUSE THIS IS A GRAVE SITUATION. AND THERE'S A  
25 SITUATION BY THE U.S.C. WITH THE OIL COMPANY WHERE THEY HAD

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1 TOXIC FUMES. I STILL BELIEVE THEY HAVE TOXIC FUMES. THERE'S A  
2 SITUATION IN WILMINGTON WHERE THEY WANT TO BUILD A NEW STAGING  
3 AREA FOR THE NEW 10-MILE TRAINS THEY PLAN ON PRODUCING THROUGH  
4 THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION  
5 AUTHORITY. THOSE ARE ALL PARTS OF THESE ENVIRONMENTAL  
6 CONCERNS. AND DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT THESE  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS? ALL LOW-INCOME AREAS, THAT DR.  
8 FIELDING MENTIONED, THEY GET THE BRUNT OF POOR HEALTH.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE UNDERSTAND ONE OF THE FAILURES HAS BEEN  
13 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S INABILITY TO HAVE THE RESOURCES THAT  
14 THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COLLECTING FOR THESE TOXIC CLEANUPS.  
15 SO THEY HAVE NOT BEEN COLLECTING THE RESOURCES, THE FEES THAT  
16 HAVE BEEN LEGISLATED BY LAW WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE REVENUES  
17 TO DO THESE CLEANUPS. AND THAT'S WHERE THERE'S BEEN A REAL  
18 BREAKDOWN AT THE STATE LEVEL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE  
21 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 14,  
22 MR. YAROSLAVSKY? ITEM 14?

23

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK WE HAVE A STAFF  
2   REPORT, AND THEN WE HAVE SOME PUBLIC TESTIMONY. AND THEN I  
3   WILL MAKE MY COMMENTS. TURN ON HIS MIC. IF YOU CAN.

4

5   **SUP. KNABE:** NO, IT'S JUST RUSS. I'M JUST KIDDING, RUSS.

6

7   **RUSS GUINEY:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. RUSS GUINEY, DIRECTOR  
8   OF PARKS AND RECREATION. I HAVE WITH ME JOAN RUPERT OF OUR  
9   ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION AND TIM LINDSAY, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
10  VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS IN BEVERLY HILLS WHICH IS A COUNTY  
11  PARK FACILITY. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY WOULD AMEND THE  
12  DRAFT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE FACILITY AND  
13  MAKE SOME MINOR CHANGES IN A FEW AREAS. THE GRANT DEED AND THE  
14  WILL OF VIRGINIA ROBINSON, WHEN GIFTING THIS PROPERTY TO THE  
15  COUNTY, WAS THAT IT BE OPEN FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AT ALL  
16  REASONABLE TIMES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A GOOD STEWARD OF  
17  THIS PROPERTY FOR OVER 30 YEARS AND PROVIDED ACCESS. BUT THERE  
18  IS A NEED TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHICH CAN'T  
19  ALWAYS COME MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY. AND SO THIS WOULD EXPAND  
20  THE HOURS SLIGHTLY AND EXPAND THE DAYS SO THAT PEOPLE WHO WORK  
21  MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY CAN NOW VISIT THIS FACILITY. WE CAN GIVE  
22  YOU MORE DETAILS ON THE PLAN, BUT IT'S IN THE BOARD LETTER. OR  
23  WE CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AS YOU HAVE THEM ON THE ISSUE  
24  THAT'S BEFORE US.

25

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, MR. CHAIRMAN YOU HAVE--?

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5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DO, HAVE TWO SPEAKERS. BEN REZNIK AND  
6    ADRIENNE HORWITCH

7

8    **BEN REZNIK:** GOOD MORNING. BEN REZNIK WITH JEFFER, MANGELS,  
9    BUTLER AND MITCHELL. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE REPRESENT SOME  
10    OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS ON ELDEN WAY, WHICH IS THAT NARROW 30-  
11    FOOT WIDE CUL-DE-SAC LEADING TO THE FRONT DOOR OF THE VIRGINIA  
12    ROBINSON GARDENS. FIRST OF ALL, ON BEHALF OF MY CLIENTS, LET  
13    ME THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR TAKING THEIR CONCERNS  
14    SERIOUSLY AND INTO CONSIDERATION OVER THE LAST YEAR THAT THIS  
15    HAS BEEN ONGOING. IN FACT, HE ALSO MET WITH MY CLIENTS AND  
16    MADE AVAILABLE HIS STAFF TO US TO WORK ON SOME OF OUR  
17    CONCERNS. THERE'S AN INCONVENIENCE IN LIVING NEXT TO WHAT NOW  
18    IS A PUBLIC FACILITY, BUT INCONVENIENCES CAN BE TOLERATED.  
19    WHAT HAPPENS FROM TIME TO TIME IS THE INCONVENIENCES TURN INTO  
20    A NUISANCE. AND NUISANCES, LIKE WHEN BIG TRUCKS COME IN TO  
21    UNLOAD AND BLOCK DRIVEWAYS AND PEOPLE CAN'T GET IN AND OUT.  
22    WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A LITTLE CUL-DE-SAC. SIX HOUSES ON THE  
23    CUL-DE-SAC. AND THEY BEAR THE BRUNT OF ALL OF THE FACILITIES.  
24    EVEN THOUGH STREET PARKING IS NOT SUPPOSED TO BE ALLOWED,  
25    NEVER HAS BEEN FOR 30 YEARS, IT HAPPENS, AND PEOPLE DO THAT.

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1 SO WE HAVE ONE REQUEST WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE  
2 SITE. I'VE GOT A 1987 LETTER HERE FROM THE BOTANIC GARDENS  
3 MANAGERS SAYING THIS IS A FOUR-DAY EVENT, LIMITED HOURS, SMALL  
4 VEHICLES WILL DELIVER SO THAT THEY CAN DRIVE THROUGH THE FRONT  
5 DOOR, NOT PARK ON ELDEN WAY. THAT'S A 1987 LETTER FROM THE  
6 COUNTY, BUT THAT'S NOT BEEN THE PRACTICE. SO IT'S BEEN  
7 IGNORED. AND SO THE CONCERN WE HAVE AND WHY WE APPRECIATE  
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S LOOKING INTO THIS AND GIVING IT  
9 CONSIDERATION IS THAT THERE'S JUST BEEN A LACK OF ENFORCEMENT.  
10 IF YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE CONDITIONS, ENFORCE IT. AND BECAUSE  
11 YOU'RE IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS, IT'S YOUR PROPERTY. IT'S  
12 YOUR ASSET. YOU SHOULD HAVE THE STAFF ENFORCE THIS ISSUE. SO  
13 WHEN THERE ARE CARS PARKED OUT THERE, STAFF SHOULD BE OUT  
14 THERE FROM THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. WHEN TRUCKS ARE  
15 DELIVERING AS IT TAKES THEM SOMETIMES 10 DAYS TO TWO WEEKS TO  
16 UNLOAD FOR AN EVENT AND THEN ANOTHER 10 DAYS TO LOAD BACK UP,  
17 THEY BLOCK OUR CLIENTS' DRIVEWAYS ON THIS LITTLE STREET. WE  
18 ASK THAT YOU SIMPLY ADD A CONDITION THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE  
19 STAFF, NOT VOLUNTARILY, BUT REQUIRE THEM TO DO THAT. THANK  
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

23

24 **ADRIENNE HORWITCH:** GOOD MORNING. OR GOOD AFTERNOON TO ALL OF  
25 THE SUPERVISORS. I AM ADRIENNE HORWITCH AND IT'S AN HONOR FOR



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1 ME TO BE HERE THIS MORNING IN MY ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
2 FRIENDS OF VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. OUR BEAUTIFUL GARDENS, A  
3 GIFT TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES BY THE LATE VIRGINIA  
4 ROBINSON, HEIR TO THE ROBINSON'S DEPARTMENT STORES, ARE  
5 LOCATED IN THE HEART OF BEVERLY HILLS. THIS LANDMARKED HOME  
6 ITSELF HAS BEEN RESTORED TO ITS ORIGINAL SPLENDOR AND SERVES  
7 AS A MUSEUM. THE ONGOING BEAUTY OF THE SIX-PLUS ACRES OF THE  
8 GARDENS IS THERE TO BE SEEN AND ENJOYED BY ALL. THE FRIENDS  
9 HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH L.A. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TIM  
10 LINDSAY TO RESTORE THIS HISTORIC FIRST ESTATE OF BEVERLY  
11 HILLS. WE REALLY NEED TO BE OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND HOLIDAYS SO  
12 THAT WORKING PEOPLE AND FAMILIES CAN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
13 COME AND ENJOY DOCENT-GUIDED TOURS. SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE NOT  
14 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IT YET, INCLUDING MY OWN  
15 GRANDCHILDREN. EVERYONE DESERVES A CHANCE TO SEE THIS  
16 BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL EVENTS, JUST TWO MORE A  
17 YEAR, WOULD ALLOW VISITORS TO FULLY ENJOY THE GARDENS AND  
18 HOUSE MUSEUM AT GOLDEN HOUR OF TWILIGHT. THREE YEARS AGO, I  
19 HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF CHAIRING THE ROBINSON GARDEN CENTENNIAL  
20 GALA, ONE OF TWO SPECIAL EVENTS THAT ARE HELD THERE EACH YEAR.  
21 AND THIS SPRING, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE GARDEN TOUR, I SAW  
22 FIRSTHAND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE REALLY ANXIOUS TO COME TO THESE  
23 GROUNDS. TWO MORE VISITS A YEAR WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER. IN  
24 ADDITION TO OUR REGULAR, TRAINED GUIDES, THE FRIENDS HAVE  
25 SPECIAL CHILDREN'S GUIDED TOURS. AND SCHOOL GROUPS LOVE TO

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1 VISIT. WITH EXTENDED HOURS, THEY WOULD BE MORE FULLY ABLE TO  
2 UTILIZE THE GARDENS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE VEGETABLE GARDENS  
3 AND EATING WHOLESOME FOOD. AND WHEN THE TIMING IS RIGHT, THEY  
4 OFTEN GET TO TASTE THE VEGETABLES THAT WE GROW. THE PUBLIC  
5 DESERVES TO ENJOY THE GROUNDS IN OTHER WAYS WITH A GREATER  
6 NUMBER OF PROGRAMS AND TOPICS TO CHOOSE FROM. IN ADDITION TO  
7 OUR GARDENING AND BOTANICAL CLASSES, WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER  
8 OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES THAT WOULD DEEPEN THEIR CULTURAL  
9 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ESTATE. THE FRIENDS HAVE WORKED HAND-IN-  
10 HAND WITH THE COUNTY. AND ACTUALLY--

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WANT TO WRAP IT UP, PLEASE?

13

14 **ADRIENNE HORWITCH:** YES, I WILL-- TO PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF  
15 VOLUNTEER HOURS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTS WHEN THEY PROVIDE  
16 GREATER ACCESSIBILITY. WE REALLY NEED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER MORE  
17 DAYS, MORE HOURS AND A GREATER RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
18 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, DO YOU HAVE ANY-- I DON'T  
23 THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO RESPOND TO MR. REZNIK'S TESTIMONY IS  
24 CONCERNED. DO YOU WANT TO REAFFIRM HIS COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS  
25 ABOUT ME? [LAUGHTER.] I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS. AND WE'VE

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1 COME A LONG WAY FROM WHERE THIS ALL STARTED. ONE OF MY AXIOMS,  
2 MR. CHAIRMAN, IS THAT THE SMALLEST CHANGES TEND TO BE THE MOST  
3 CONTENTIOUS, SOMETIMES. AND PUT IT DIFFERENTLY, THE MAGNITUDE  
4 OF THE CHANGE IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONATE TO THE TIME WE SPEND  
5 ON IT. THESE ARE VERY MINOR CHANGES THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED,  
6 RELATIVELY SPEAKING, BUT THERE ARE FIVE NEIGHBORS TO THIS  
7 PROPERTY. AND THEY DESERVE CONSIDERATION. AND THEY CERTAINLY  
8 HAVE GOTTEN IT. WE'VE HEARD THEM LOUD AND CLEAR. AND WE'VE  
9 TRIED TO WALK A MILE IN THEIR SHOES. VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS  
10 IS ONE OF THE CULTURAL JEWELS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS  
11 SYSTEM. VERY FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT. I HAD NEVER HEARD ABOUT  
12 IT UNTIL I BECAME A COUNTY SUPERVISOR. IT IS THE FIRST  
13 RESIDENTIAL ESTATE IN BEVERLY HILLS AND IT IS LISTED ON THE  
14 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. THE PROPERTY, WHICH  
15 CONTAINS A TREMENDOUS DISPLAY OF GARDENS, HOUSE MUSEUM AND A  
16 POOL PAVILION ATTRACTS A VARIED AUDIENCE RANGING FROM THOSE  
17 INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY OF LOS ANGELES AND BEVERLY HILLS TO  
18 THOSE WHO APPRECIATE BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND CLASSICAL REVIVAL  
19 ARCHITECTURE. THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE  
20 FRIENDS OF THE ROBINSON GARDENS HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MAKE  
21 THIS MULTIFACETED PROPERTY MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC  
22 WITHOUT IMPACTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD. LET ME JUST DEPART FROM  
23 THE MOTION AND JUST THANK THE FRIENDS OF VIRGINIA ROBINSON  
24 GARDENS FOR THE WORK THEY DO ALL YEAR ROUND, RAISING MONEY  
25 PRIVATELY TO HELP MAINTAIN THIS FACILITY AND TO RESTORE IT TO

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1 ITS ORIGINAL GRANDEUR AS ENVISIONED BY VIRGINIA ROBINSON  
2 HERSELF. IT REALLY HAS, IN THE 20 YEARS I'VE REPRESENTED YOU,  
3 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF IMPROVEMENTS MADE AND IT WOULD NOT HAVE  
4 HAPPENED WITHOUT ALL OF YOU. SO I THANK YOU FOR THAT. THE  
5 CURRENT OPERATING HOURS AND PROGRAM SCHEDULE WERE ESTABLISHED  
6 34 YEARS GO IN THE 1980 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. IT LIMITS  
7 THE HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION AND THE NUMBER OF DAILY  
8 VISITORS ALLOWED BY THE GARDENS FOR GUIDED TOURS, CLASSES,  
9 SEMINARS AND SPECIAL EVENTS. THE 2014 SUPPLEMENTAL E.I.R.,  
10 WHICH IS BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, PROPOSES OPERATIONAL CHANGES  
11 TO ALLOW MORE ACCESS FOR VISITORS WITH MINIMAL IMPACTS TO THE  
12 NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PROPOSED OPERATIONAL CHANGES INCLUDE OPENING  
13 THE GARDENS FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY AND ALL HOLIDAYS WITH THE  
14 EXCEPTION OF THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY AND  
15 EXTENDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION BY 30 MINUTES. WHILE THE  
16 PROPOSED CHANGES ARE MODEST, IN FURTHER DEFERENCE TO THE  
17 NEIGHBORS, I PROPOSE THAT INSTEAD OF OPENING THE GARDENS EVERY  
18 SATURDAY, IT IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE REVISED FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL  
19 E.I.R. THAT THE DEPARTMENT OPEN THE GARDENS ONLY TWO SATURDAYS  
20 A MONTH AS PART OF A 12-MONTH PILOT PROGRAM. THIS WILL ALLOW  
21 THE DEPARTMENT STAFF TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON HOW SATURDAY  
22 OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED AND ASSESS ANY IMPACTS TO THE  
23 NEIGHBORS. ALSO I WANT TO REASSURE THE NEIGHBORS THAT WEDDINGS  
24 WILL NOT BE HELD ON THE PROPERTY AND THERE WILL BE NO PARKING  
25 ON ELDEN WAY BY VISITORS TO THE GARDENS. PRIMARY PARKING

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1 PROBLEM THAT I'VE WITNESSED RECENTLY ON ELDEN WAY IS NOT FROM  
2 VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. IT'S FROM ALL THE NEIGHBORS. WE HAD  
3 ONE PERSON WHO WAS REAR ENDED, OR SIDESWIPE BY A TRUCK  
4 BACKING OUT OF A DRIVEWAY THE OTHER DAY, EITHER CONSTRUCTION  
5 OR AN EVENT BEING PLANNED. I WAS THERE BECAUSE OUR WEST SIDE  
6 COG MET AT THE VIRGINIA ROBINSON GARDENS. NONE OF THEM PARKED  
7 ON THE STREET, BY THE WAY. AND THEY COULDN'T HAVE PARKED IF  
8 THEY WANTED TO BECAUSE ALL THE CONSTRUCTION WORK. THEY WERE  
9 DOING SOME WORK ON A HOUSE THAT HAD JUST BEEN PURCHASED. THEY  
10 HAD TAKEN UP EVERY CONCEIVABLE PARKING PLACE ON ELDEN WAY. SO  
11 MY RECOMMENDATION IS, WE WILL DO OUR SHARE. BUT THE NEIGHBORS  
12 NEED TO DO THEIR SHARE. AND WE ARE ONE OF THE NEIGHBORS. LIKE  
13 IT OR NOT. COUNTY OWNS THIS PROPERTY. AND WE'RE GOING TO DO  
14 OUR SHARE. AND TO THE EXTENT WE DON'T, BRING IT TO OUR  
15 ATTENTION AND WE'LL RATCHET UP THE ENFORCEMENT. BUT I THINK  
16 EVERY TIME I'VE BEEN THERE, I'VE SEEN A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF  
17 FIDELITY TO THE RULES AND CONDITIONS THAT WE HAVE AGREED TO IN  
18 THE PAST. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD-  
19 - WELL, I GUESS THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAN PARK WHEREVER  
20 THEY WANT WHENEVER THEY WANT BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT SUBJECT TO  
21 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. BUT IT  
22 KIND OF RINGS HOLLOW TO HAVE A COMPLAINT OVER ONE  
23 TRANSGRESSION OR TWO TRANSGRESSIONS A YEAR, OR FIVE  
24 TRANSGRESSIONS A YEAR, WHEN FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS IT'S  
25 BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO TRAVERSE THAT AREA, INCLUDING AN EMERGENCY

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1 VEHICLE THAT WAS CALLED TO RESPOND TO THIS ACCIDENT A WEEK AGO  
2 LAST SATURDAY, I THINK IT WAS A WEEK AGO FROM LAST SATURDAY,  
3 BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GET THROUGH ELDEN WAY FOR ALL THE  
4 CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES THAT WERE PARKED IN THE AREA. SO WE ALL  
5 HAVE OUR SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY THERE, IS ALL I'M SAYING. BUT  
6 WE ARE GOING TO MAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WHERE WAS I? I  
7 ALSO WANT TO REASSURE THAT THERE ARE NO WEDDINGS. AND  
8 FURTHERMORE, GARDEN EVENTS WILL CONTINUE TO RELATE TO THE  
9 HISTORICAL CONTEXT OF THIS SITE. THAT'S THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE  
10 OF THIS, IS NOT TO MAKE IT AN EVENT SITE BUT TO GIVE PEOPLE  
11 EXPOSURE TO THIS HISTORICAL SITE, NOT UNLIKE THE HUNTINGTON  
12 LIBRARY, ALTHOUGH IT DOESN'T COMPARE IN SIZE OR NUMBER OF  
13 VISITORS. BUT TO THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT THAT I'M TALKING  
14 ABOUT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT  
15 THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO, ONE,  
16 INSTITUTE A 12 MONTH PILOT PROGRAM IN WHICH THE GARDEN LIMITS  
17 ITS SATURDAY HOURS TO TWO SATURDAYS PER MONTH. RETURN TO THE  
18 BOARD 30 DAYS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE PILOT PROGRAM WITH  
19 THE EVALUATION OF THE SATURDAY USE BASED ON ATTENDANCE, NUMBER  
20 OF COMPLAINTS AND IMPACTS IF ANY TO NEIGHBORS, AND THREE MAKE  
21 A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AS TO CONTINUING SATURDAY HOURS  
22 OF OPERATION. THAT'S MY MOTION.

23

24 **LARRY HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST INTERJECT FOR ONE  
25 SECOND? I WOULD RECOMMEND ALSO TO ADD TO YOUR MOTION ITEM 1 IN

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1 THE BOARD LETTER WHICH TALKS ABOUT THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT AND THE E.I.R.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I WILL SO MOVE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO THE ITEM AS AMENDED BY  
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
8 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO  
9 ORDERED.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM 25. ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **DARYL OSBY:** HONORABLE CHAIR AND BOARD, MY NAME IS DARYL OSBY,  
16 FIRE CHIEF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. TO MY RIGHT I  
17 HAVE OUR FISCAL CHIEF WITH ME, THERESA BERRERA, AND TO MY  
18 LEFT, OUR ADMIN BUREAU CHIEF DONNA LAWRENCE. WE HAVE ITEM 25  
19 BEFORE YOU THIS AFTERNOON TO ASK YOUR HONORABLE BOARD TO  
20 EXERCISE YOUR PREROGATIVE TO RAISE THE CAP ON A SPECIAL TAX TO  
21 THE MAXIMUM LIMIT. AND IT'S ARTICULATED ON OUR BRIEFINGS TO  
22 YOU. THIS SPECIAL TAX WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF 1997, WAS  
23 A PROVISION THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR  
24 PROPERTY TAX. AND AS YOU RECOGNIZE FROM THE FIRE DISTRICT THAT  
25 THE PROPERTY TAX IS OUR NO. 1 REVENUE STREAM. AND THE SPECIAL



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1 TAX WAS APPROVED BY THE VOTERS IN 1997 THAT IN THOSE YEARS  
2 WHEN OUR PROPERTY TAX DOES NOT KEEP PACE WITH OUR REVENUES,  
3 THAT WE CAN COME TO THE BOARD AND ASK FOR AN INCREASE IN THAT  
4 SPECIAL TAX. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY. WE'RE IN A SITUATION  
5 WHERE OUR PROPERTY TAX HAS IMPROVED, AS YOU CAN RECOGNIZE FROM  
6 OUR BRIEFING THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR '14/'15, OUR PROPERTY TAXES  
7 INCREASED TO \$28.7 MILLION. BUT EVEN WITH THAT BEING STATED,  
8 OUR EXPENDITURES ARE STILL OUTPACING OUR REVENUES. THE FACT OF  
9 THE MATTER IS THAT THIS AFTERNOON, THIS SPECIAL TAX MEANS AN  
10 ADDITIONAL \$3 MILLION FOR THE DISTRICT, WHICH IS ABOUT \$2.50  
11 FOR EACH RESIDENT IN THE DISTRICT. THAT \$3 MILLION DOES NOT  
12 FIX OUR CHALLENGE BUT THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE  
13 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, C.E.O.'S OFFICE AND OTHER CONSULTANTS THAT  
14 WE BROUGHT INTO THE DISTRICT HAVE BEEN WORKING COLLABORATIVELY  
15 IN A WAY TO DEVELOP A FISCAL APPROACH TO ADDRESSING OUR  
16 REVENUE STREAMS, ADDRESSING OUR EXPENDITURES AND OUR  
17 INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS. SO ALTHOUGH THE \$3 MILLION DOESN'T  
18 COMPLETELY PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO THAT APPROACH IN RELATIONSHIP  
19 TO THE FULL REVENUE STREAMS THAT WE NEED, AS PART OF OUR  
20 APPROACH TO MAXIMIZE OUR REVENUE STREAMS. SO WITH THAT BEING  
21 STATED, I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE HONORABLE BOARD FOR ANY  
22 QUESTIONS.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? MR. ANTONOVICH?

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHIEF, RELATIVE TO THE INCREASING COSTS OF  
2   EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND OUR AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND  
3   THE NEED FOR A STABLE SOURCE OF REVENUE TO FUND THE NEEDS OF  
4   YOUR DEPARTMENT, WE KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN EVALUATING POTENTIAL  
5   REVENUE OPPORTUNITIES. COULD YOU BRIEF US ON THOSE EFFORTS? IN  
6   PARTICULAR AN UPDATE ON A.B.2577 WHICH RELATES TO THE GROUND  
7   EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT FIRST RESPONDER BILLING PROGRAM.

8

9   **DARYL OSBY:** YES, SIR. OUR LAST MEMO TO THE BOARD WAS DATED MAY  
10   23RD OF THIS YEAR. AND WE'VE BEEN LOOKING AT SEVERAL REVENUE  
11   STREAMS IN RELATIONSHIP TO ESTABLISHING ONGOING REVENUE FOR  
12   THE DISTRICT IN RELATIONSHIP TO USER FEES. WE'VE EXPLORED  
13   VEHICLE ACCIDENT FEES, PREVENTION FEES, AND PARAMEDIC FEES.  
14   THE FACT IS, IS THAT IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR VEHICLE ACCIDENT  
15   FEES, WE'VE TABLED THAT. OUR FIRE PREVENTION FEES, WE ARE  
16   GOING TO BE COMING TO YOUR HONORABLE BOARD IN CALENDAR YEAR  
17   2016 SO IT WILL BE MORE APPROPRIATE THAT WE'RE GOING TO  
18   RECOMMEND AN INCREASE IN DEPARTMENT FEES THAT WE COME TO YOU  
19   AT THAT TIME. SPECIFICALLY TO YOUR QUESTION IN RELATIONSHIP TO  
20   G.E.M.T. AND OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES SERVICE DELIVERY  
21   FOR THE DISTRICT IS THAT THERE IS A BILL RIGHT NOW AT THE  
22   STATE LEVEL, A.B.2577, I BELIEVE THE BILL IS, 2577. AND IT'S  
23   GEARED TOWARD RIGHT NOW FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE STATE THAT  
24   TRANSPORT VICTIMS TO THE HOSPITAL. THERE'S BEEN A GOOD LABOR  
25   MANAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN LABOR AND MANAGEMENT DEALING

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1 WITH C.M.S. AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO SEEK ALL REVENUE SOURCES  
2 FOR FIRE SERVICE-BASED E.M.S. AND IN SEQUENTIAL ORDER, WE'VE  
3 WORKED A DEAL OUT THAT FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO TRANSPORT  
4 PATIENTS WHO ALREADY HAVE A MECHANISM TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR  
5 THAT TRANSPORT, THERE WAS NO STATE LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWED  
6 DEPARTMENTS THAT MAY HAVE FIRST RESPONSE FEES THAT WE'RE GOING  
7 TO PRESENT TO YOU NEXT YEAR TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT. SO  
8 A.B.2577 PROVIDES CLEAR LEGISLATION AND A CHANGE IN THE LAW  
9 FOR THOSE DEPARTMENTS WHO RIGHT NOW TO TRANSPORT TO RECEIVE  
10 THAT REVENUE. BEHIND THAT, AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE SERVICE,  
11 WE'VE HIRED A CONSULTANT WHO'S DEVELOPING LEGISLATION FOR THE  
12 NEXT LEGISLATIVE PERIOD THAT WILL THEN MODIFY THAT LAW TO  
13 ALLOW DEPARTMENTS LIKE OURS, YOUR FIRE DEPARTMENT, THAT  
14 DOESN'T TRANSPORT, IF WE GET A FEE APPROVED BY THE BOARD, A  
15 FIRST RESPONSE FEE, THAT WE WOULD CHARGE TO INSURANCE  
16 COMPANIES, THAT IF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD APPROVES THAT AND THE  
17 LEGISLATION PASSES NEXT YEAR, WHICH WE'RE EXTREMELY CONFIDENT  
18 THAT IT WILL, THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SEEK REIMBURSEMENT  
19 THROUGH MEDICARE OR MEDI-CAL IN RELATIONSHIP TO FIRST  
20 RESPONSE, IN RELATIONSHIP TO OUR PARAMEDIC CALLS.

21  
22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MUCH REVENUE DO YOU RECEIVE ANNUALLY FROM  
23 MEASURE B?

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1   **DARYL OSBY:** RIGHT NOW FROM MEASURE B, WHICH IS OUR TRAUMA TAX,  
2   IN FISCAL YEAR '14/'15 WE'RE GOING TO RECEIVE \$1.56 MILLION.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH DOES THE COST TO MAINTAIN THE  
5   HELICOPTER AT BRACKETT FIELD WHICH SERVES THE SAN GABRIEL  
6   VALLEY COST?

7

8   **DARYL OSBY:** OUR OVERALL COST IN RELATIONSHIP TO BRACKETT FIELD  
9   TAKING THE COST OF THE HELICOPTER, MAINTENANCE, THE LEASE, AND  
10   SALARIES ASSOCIATED WITH IT, WE'VE STAFFED THAT EVERY DAY WITH  
11   TWO PARAMEDICS AND ONE PILOT, IS \$2.5 MILLION.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT PERCENTAGE ARE THEY DEDICATED TO  
14   TRAUMA TRANSPORT?

15

16   **DARYL OSBY:** PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EAST COUNTY AIR  
17   SQUAD, WE'VE ONLY STAFFED THAT HELICOPTER WHEN THERE WAS A  
18   NEED BASED ON FIRE WEATHER, IN RELATIONSHIP TO WILD AND FIRE.  
19   SO FROM OUR ESTIMATION, THEY'RE OUT THERE AT LEAST 90 PERCENT  
20   OF THE TIME IN RELATIONSHIP TO TRANSPORTATIONS ONLY FOR TRAUMA  
21   CENTER PATIENTS. LAST YEAR WE HAD OVER 400 TRANSPORTS. THE  
22   FACT OF THE MATTER IS BECAUSE WE HAVE THAT COPTER OUT THERE IN  
23   SAN GABRIEL VALLEY FOR MEASURE B AND FOR THE TRAUMA CENTER,  
24   THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE A TRAUMA CENTER IN THE SAN GABRIEL  
25   VALLEY, WE NOW STAFF THAT COPTER EVERY DAY 24/7.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE THERE ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF REVENUE  
3 THAT YOU COULD ACCESS TO ASSIST YOU FOR THIS TRAUMA SERVICE?

4

5 **DARYL OSBY:** WELL, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT WE DID MEET WITH  
6 THE THIRD DISTRICT THIS YEAR AND WORKING WITH DEPARTMENT OF  
7 HEALTH SERVICES WHERE WE GOT AN INCREASE OF ABOUT \$200,000 IN  
8 RELATIONSHIP TO OUR SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FOR THE  
9 EAST COUNTY TRAUMA CENTER AIR SQUAD. BUT THE FACT OF THE  
10 MATTER IS THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR LEASE, LOOK AT THE COSTS  
11 TO MAINTAIN THE HELICOPTER AND OUR SALARIES ASSOCIATED WITH  
12 THAT, THAT THE DISTRICT IS STILL EASILY USING ANOTHER \$2  
13 MILLION. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT WE ONLY GET ABOUT HALF  
14 OF WHAT WE ALLOCATE IN RELATIONSHIP TO STAFFING THAT COPTER IN  
15 EAST COUNTY FULL-TIME.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD JUST SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST, FOURTH  
18 AND FIFTH SERVICE THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SO THAT WE WOULD BE  
19 INTERESTED IN HOW WE CAN ADDITIONALLY ASSIST YOU IN GETTING  
20 ADDITIONAL REVENUE. AND ARE YOU WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 HEALTH SERVICE TO JOINTLY ASSESS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT MEDICAL  
22 EMERGENCY NEEDS AND SERVICES, POTENTIAL INCREASED FUNDING  
23 THROUGH MEASURE B?

24

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1   **DARYL OSBY:** WE DID WORK WITH THEM THIS LAST FISCAL YEAR. WE  
2   HAD SOME SUCCESS. BUT WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD TO  
3   TRY TO MAXIMIZE THE EXPENDITURES THAT WE HAVE IN RELATIONSHIP  
4   TO COPTER, AS I ARTICULATED. WE HAVE ABOUT A \$2 MILLION  
5   SHORTFALL IN THAT REGARD, AND ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION  
6   THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE OVERHEAD. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE TRAINING  
7   ASSOCIATED WITH A COPTER IN THE EAST END. AND THEN  
8   FURTHERMORE, THE DEPARTMENT IS UPDATING OUR PARAMEDIC PROGRAM.  
9   WE HAVE ANOTHER CONSULTANT THAT WE HIRED, WHICH THE BOARD  
10   APPROVED, AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THAT REPORT BACK TO THE  
11   BOARD BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BE  
12   IMPLEMENTING ELECTRONIC PATIENT CARE DEVICES IN THE FIELD  
13   WHICH ARE ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS THAT WILL ENABLE OUR PARAMEDICS  
14   AND FIREFIGHTERS TO TRACK DATA ELECTRONICALLY BECAUSE IF WE DO  
15   GET APPROVAL IN RELATIONSHIP TO A.B.2577 THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH  
16   CARE ACT ARTICULATES THAT HEALTH CARE NEEDS TO BE DONE  
17   ELECTRONICALLY. SO WE HAVE NOT YET ASKED FOR FUNDING FOR THAT,  
18   EITHER. SO IN ADDITION TO OUR \$2 MILLION FOR THE HELICOPTER,  
19   WE CAN COME BACK IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE TRAUMA CENTER TAX FOR  
20   MEASURE B TO PARTIALLY HAVE OFFSET FOR THE E.P.C.R.S AND OTHER  
21   TRAINING OVERHEAD WE GET.

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU THINK MEASURE B COULD PROVIDE YOU WITH  
24   ADDITIONAL REVENUE WE COULD WORK WITH YOU ON THAT.

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1     **DARYL OSBY:** THANK YOU.

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3     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE? DAVE GILLOTTE? THANK YOU.

4     IF WE HAVE ANY IF YOU IF YOU FUR QUESTIONS, WE'LL CALL YOU

5     BACK.

6

7     **DAVE GILLOTTE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DAVE GILLOTTE., L.A. COUNTY

8     FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 1014 PRESIDENT. I'LL BE BRIEF. MAY I

9     SPEAK?

10

11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

12

13    **DAVE GILLOTTE:** OKAY. I COME HERE TO JUST GIVE YOU CONTEXT REAL

14    QUICK. YOU KNOW, I DON'T JOIN HAND-IN-HAND OFTEN WITH THE FIRE

15    CHIEF ON MANY ISSUES. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE ONLY PERSON HE

16    SHOULD FEAR MORE THAN YOU ON BUDGETARY ITEMS IS ME. WE HAVE

17    CONVERSATIONS WEEKLY. HE'LL ATTEST TO IT. THEY'RE NOT

18    PLEASANT. THEY'RE WARM BUT THEY'RE NEEDED TO MAKE SURE WE VET

19    OUT THE MERITS OF ANYTHING INCLUDING PROPOSITION E. WE ALL

20    HARD FOUGHT AND PUT INTO PLACE AND THE SPECIAL TAX THAT GOES

21    ALONG WITH IT. I'VE BEEN DOWN HERE MANY TIMES TO DISCUSS

22    RAISING THIS TAX, TO DISCUSS LOWERING THIS TAX OR LEAVING IT

23    WHERE IT IS. NEVER WITHOUT MERIT BEHIND THE ARGUMENT. IN THIS

24    CASE, I CAN ATTEST, I'VE GRILLED HIM ON THIS. I SEEK NOT ONLY

25    THREE VOTES, I SEEK FOUR. AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, SUPERVISOR



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1 MOLINA, I BEG OF YOU, I SEEK FIVE ON THIS. I KNOW. AND IN  
2 CONTEXT ON THAT, THIS BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER IS A  
3 PLACE THAT IS FAR BETTER THAN WE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD THE  
4 PROPERTY TAX REVENUES NOT COME UP. AND I'M ENGAGED IN D.C. FOR  
5 EVERYTHING FROM G.E.M.T. AND C.M.S. SERVICES, MEDICARE  
6 REIMBURSEMENT, FEDERAL GRANT MONEY AND REVENUE STREAMS FROM  
7 THE STATE, INCLUDING C.R.A. TO BRING HOME HERE AND BUSINESS  
8 PARTNERSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IN OUR DISTRICTS. AND HAVING SAID  
9 THAT, WE'RE AT A PLACE THAT WITH THIS MONEY, A YES VOTE ON  
10 THIS IS FOR PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT THAT GO DIRECTLY TO THE  
11 CITIZENS WE SERVE. I'LL ATTEST TO THAT BECAUSE I WORK AT  
12 COMPTON AND 81ST AND I'M GOING TO TELL YOU ONE OF THE FIRST  
13 ITEMS WE'LL DO IS PUT INFRARED CAMERAS ON THOSE ENGINES. HE  
14 KNOWS I'M COMING TO GET HIM ON IT, AND THIS WILL BE SOMETHING  
15 THAT ALLOWS ME TO SEE IN THE DARK. TEN TIMES IN THE LAST TWO  
16 MONTHS, I'VE TESTED IT, TO GO PULL CITIZENS OUT OF BUILDINGS.  
17 THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE VOTING HERE, AND RESPONSIBLY WE'LL RE-  
18 EXAMINE THIS AND SET IT AGAIN WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO WITHIN THE  
19 CONFINES OF FUTURE BUDGETS. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SO THE ITEM'S  
22 BEFORE US? IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS? SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTING  
23 NO, THE ITEM PASSES 4-1. THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT TAKES US TO  
24 PUBLIC COMMENTS. BEFORE WE DO THAT, WE HAVE ADJOURNMENTS.  
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
3 A VERY GOOD FRIEND, ONE I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW AND EVEN  
4 WORK WITH OVER A NUMBER OF YEARS AND THAT'S GEORGE NICHOLAW,  
5 WHO PASSED AWAY WHO WAS A FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF K.N.X.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND 1070 NEWS RADIO FOR OVER 36 YEARS. HE  
10 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
11 CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING  
12 THE KOREAN WAR. AND BEGAN HIS WORK AT K.N.X. IN 1967. HE WAS  
13 ONE OF THOSE INNOVATORS IN COMMUNICATION. AND HE WAS THE ONE  
14 WHO WOULD GIVE THE WEEKLY COMMENTARIES ON ISSUES AND WOULD  
15 INVITE PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY TO ALSO GIVE COMMENTARIES.  
16 AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE A NUMBER OF THEM ON K.N.X.  
17 HE WAS JUST A REAL CLASS ACT. THIS BOARD HONORED HIM WHEN HE  
18 HAD RETIRED FROM K.N.X. A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO. BUT HE HAD  
19 AWARDS INCLUDING THE PEABODY AWARD, THE ALFRED E. DUPONT AWARD  
20 AND MORE THAN 170 GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY  
21 HIS WONDERFUL WIFE, BETTY. ART EKIZIAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
22 LANCASTER, HE WAS PART OF THE INCORPORATION. PASSED AWAY AT  
23 THE AGE OF 79, VETERAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE TAUGHT AT  
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE  
25 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ADVOCATE FOR THE LANCASTER PERFORMING

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1 ARTS CENTER, AND VOLUNTEER WITH DESERT HAVEN ENTERPRISES. A  
2 REAL FINE LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY AND A GOOD FRIEND AND HE IS  
3 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN. ALSO MOVE WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
4 OF ROBIN WILLIAMS WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY. ONE OF THE  
5 ACCLAIMED ACTORS, COMEDIANS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD, AND  
6 RECIPIENT OF MANY AWARDS. LEWIS "TED" FOSTER, LONGTIME  
7 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98.  
8 ENGINEER WITH LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT FOR OVER 20 YEARS. IRVAN  
9 MENDENHALL, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96. CIVIL ENGINEER,  
10 GRADUATE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY. HE SERVED  
11 IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II. WAS COFOUNDER  
12 OF THE CONSULTING FIRM DANIEL, MANN, JOHNSON AND MENDENHALL.  
13 DMJM, WHICH LATER BECAME AECOM TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION. WITH  
14 HIS HELP, DMJM WAS ABLE TO SECURE CONTRACTS FOR THE UNITED  
15 STATES NAVY AND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY. HE BECAME  
16 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES SECTION. AND SERVED ON SEVERAL  
17 COMMITTEES. HE RECEIVED THE ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD BY BOTH  
18 THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND THE LOS  
19 ANGELES COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING SOCIETIES. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
20 HIS FOUR CHILDREN. THAT WAS IRVAN MENDENHALL. HE WAS-- I'M  
21 SURE YOU'VE ALL MET HIM DURING TIMES-- ALL MEMBERS. [G.] DAVID  
22 HUNTOON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE SERVED AS  
23 DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
24 CORPORATION, THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
25 AND THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR OF THE SAN GABRIEL ECONOMIC

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1 PARTNERSHIP. SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. GRADUATE OF  
2 CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE. HE WAS DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF  
3 THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ROSE  
4 INSTITUTE. HE EARNED HIS M.B.A. FROM THE MARSHALL SCHOOL OF  
5 BUSINESS AT U.S.C., AND COFOUNDED A MARKETING RESEARCH FIRM IN  
6 CHINA. SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE CONSTITUENT STRATEGIES  
7 INCORPORATED AND SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE IS  
8 SURVIVED BY HIS SONS GLENN, GREG, SCHON AND HIS DAUGHTER  
9 EMILY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 70. JOHN ALLEN, PASSED AWAY  
10 ON AUGUST 3RD, AT AGE 84. HE WAS THE LARGEST CADILLAC DEALER  
11 FOR OVER 50 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ACTIVE IN SAN  
12 MARINO AND THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. ANDY BEATTIE, FORMER  
13 PRESIDENT, BOTH THE LA CANADA SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LA  
14 CANADA HIGH SCHOOL SPARTAN BOOSTERS. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
15 61. HE WAS A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSIONER FOR THE CITY OF LA  
16 CANADA FOR SIX YEARS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KIM AND  
17 THEIR THREE CHILDREN. KEN PARKS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA  
18 CLARITA VALLEY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 60. HE WORKED IN THE  
19 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY FOR M.T.V., WARNER BROTHERS, CO-  
20 PRESIDENT, C.E.O. OF GOOD B ENTERTAINMENT AND HE'S SURVIVED BY  
21 HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN AND BROTHER. ROBERT "CRAIG"  
22 SILSBEE, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PASSED AWAY  
23 AT THE AGE OF 67. HE WAS AN EDUCATOR, TEACHING HISTORY AT  
24 WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL. ALBERT MONTAGUE, RETIRED  
25 SERGEANT FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED

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1 AWAY ON JULY 5TH. CALVIN GRAY, SECURITY OFFICER OF THE LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE  
3 COUNTY SERVICES BUREAU. CHARLES GUENTHER PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST  
4 2ND. HE WAS A RETIRED DEPUTY WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT. AND HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE HOMICIDE DIVISION.  
6 I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO-- FOR A REPORT BACK. "THE RECENT REPORTS  
7 REVEALING POSSIBLE MISCLASSIFICATION AND UNDERREPORTING OF  
8 VIOLENT CRIMES BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE  
9 TROUBLING. ACCURATE CLASSIFICATION OF CRIMES IS NOT ONLY  
10 IMPORTANT FOR CRIME REPORTING PURPOSES, BUT FOR MAKING  
11 INFORMED POLICY DECISIONS AND EARNING THE PUBLIC TRUST. THE  
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PROVIDES GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES  
13 TO ALL OF THE COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS  
14 OVER 40 CONTRACT CITIES. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THESE COMMUNITIES  
15 AND THE VICTIMS HAVE THE CONFIDENCE IN THE SHERIFF'S  
16 DEPARTMENT CRIME REPORTING DATA. I MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE  
17 INSPECTOR GENERAL TO REVIEW AND ANALYZE A SAMPLE OF THE  
18 SHERIFF'S CLOSED CASES, REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON ACCURACY  
19 OF THEIR CLASSIFICATION IN 30 DAYS." A REPORT BACK.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IT'S A REPORT BACK. SO WE CAN DO  
22 THAT. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT  
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** I DO HAVE ONE ADJOURNMENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT  
2   WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LUIS VALENZUELA, JR. HE'S THE  
3   BELOVED SON OF MY DEAR FRIENDS LISA AND CHRIS VALENZUELA. WE  
4   WANT TO SEND OUR HEARTFELT PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS TO THE  
5   VALENZUELA FAMILY DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANYTHING ELSE? SO ORDERED.  
8   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO, MR. CHAIRMAN. PERMIT ME TO ADJOURN  
11   IN MEMORY OF GILBERT L. BANKS. MR. BANKS WAS BORN NOVEMBER THE  
12   22ND IN 1932. HE PASSED ON AUGUST THE 2ND AT THE AGE OF 81. HE  
13   RETIRED IN 1991 FROM L.A. COUNTY AFTER WORKING AS A PAINTER  
14   WITH THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR SOME 28 YEARS. HE  
15   ENJOYED FISHING, BOWLING AND WALKING, AND WAS AN AVID FAN OF  
16   THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS. HE WAS ALSO MEMBER OF THE AROUND THE  
17   BLOCK CLUB IN THE CITY OF INGLEWOOD. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR  
18   HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AND HEARTY LAUGH AND FOR BEING A GOOD  
19   HUSBAND. FATHER AND CARING CITIZEN IN OUR COUNTY. HE IS  
20   SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MILDRED, THREE CHILDREN, FIVE  
21   GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF EXTENDED  
22   FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO WILL INDEED MISS HIM. AND THEN,  
23   MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN ME IN  
24   ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF DR. CALVIN H. BOWERS BORN APRIL 8,  
25   1932 AND HE PASSED ON THE EIGHTH OF AUGUST AT THE AGE OF 82. A

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1 NATIVE OF SELMER, TENNESSEE, DR. BOWERS GRADUATED FROM  
2 MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY IN ILLINOIS WHERE HE EARNED A BACHELOR'S  
3 OF ARTS DEGREE IN PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY. HE THEN MOVED TO  
4 LOS ANGELES GRADUATED WITH TWO MASTERS OF ARTS DEGREES FROM  
5 PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY, ONE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE  
6 OTHER IN SPEECH COMMUNICATION. IN 1981 HE EARNED A DOCTORATE  
7 OF EDUCATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION FROM THE  
8 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WHILE AT PEPPERDINE, DR.  
9 BOWERS SERVED IN SEVERAL CAPACITIES INCLUDING DEAN OF ETHNIC  
10 AND URBAN STUDIES, DIRECTOR OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, PROFESSOR OF  
11 COMMUNICATION AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
12 RETIRED AS PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN 2004. HE DID CLASSES FOR  
13 RESIDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIGUEROA CHURCH OF CHRIST  
14 CONGREGATION. HE WAS CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD FOR THE LOS  
15 ANGELES BIBLE COLLEGE AND FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF THE  
16 NORMANDIE CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
17 NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE FOR SOME 46 YEARS. DR. BOWERS  
18 ACKNOWLEDGED THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CONGREGATIONS OF  
19 CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF LOS ANGELES, AUTHORED "REALIZING THE  
20 CALIFORNIA DREAM" IN 1988 ALONG WITH SEVERAL LITERARY PIECES.  
21 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A WIDELY ACCOMPLISHED MINISTER,  
22 AUTHOR, HUSBAND, COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR, COLLEGE PROFESSOR,  
23 TELEVISION SPEAKER AND FOR HIS DEDICATION AND RESEARCH OF  
24 HISTORY, PARTICULARLY THAT OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS. DR. BOWERS IS  
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE BARBARA, FIVE CHILDREN, 16 GRANDCHILDREN



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1 AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM QUITE  
2 DEARLY. MR. CHAIRMAN?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST I WANT  
7 TO ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS ON THE GEORGE NICHOLAW I KNEW HIM  
8 QUITE WELL. I THINK WE ALL DID, AND HIS ENDORSEMENT OF ME AND  
9 MY PRIMARY ELECTION IN 1975 PROBABLY-- NOT PROBABLY, IT DID  
10 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY GETTING INTO THE RUNOFF THAT YEAR. AND  
11 THE REST IS HISTORY. AND I ALWAYS ADMIRED HIM AND APPRECIATED.  
12 HE TOOK A CHANCE ON A 26-YEAR-OLD KID WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE  
13 POLITICAL EXPERIENCE. THAT WAS THE KIND OF PERSON HE WAS. HE  
14 WAS VERY INDEPENDENT MINDED. HIS EDITORIALS CARRIED A LOT OF  
15 WEIGHT IN THE CITY AND IN HIS REGION. AND HE ALWAYS GAVE, AS  
16 MIKE SAID, HE ALWAYS GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO REBUT HIM IF YOU  
17 WERE ON THE OTHER SIDE. SOMETHING THAT WE'VE LOST IN THIS  
18 SOCIETY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE HAS GONE UP  
19 IN SMOKE AND EDITORIALS HAVE GONE UP IN SMOKE. AND CERTAINLY  
20 REBUTTALS TO THEM ARE NONEXISTENT. SO HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND  
21 HAD A TREMENDOUS IMPACT, FORMIDABLE IMPACT ON THE NEWS  
22 INDUSTRY, THE RADIO NEWS INDUSTRY, PROBABLY THE LAST PART OF  
23 THE LAST CENTURY. HE WAS AN AMAZING MAN. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN  
24 IN MEMORY OF EMANUEL "CORKY" GORDON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR  
25 DISTRICT IN WESTWOOD. WAS AN EMERGENCY ROOM PHYSICIAN FOR MANY

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1 YEARS. DIED AT THE AGE OF 69. BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES,  
2 HE ENTERED COLLEGE AT THE AGE OF 16, EARNED HIS B.A. FROM  
3 STANFORD WITH A DEGREE IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY. HE EVENTUALLY  
4 GRADUATED FROM THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE IN 1971,  
5 COMPLETING HIS INTERNSHIP AND RESIDENCY AT THE COUNTY U.S.C.  
6 MEDICAL CENTER AFTER THAT. HE EVENTUALLY FORMED A MEDICAL  
7 PARTNERSHIP THAT OPERATED EMERGENCY ROOMS AT MIDWAY, VALLEY  
8 PRESBYTERIAN AND SIMI VALLEY ADVENTIST HOSPITALS. OUTSIDE OF  
9 HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE, HIS GREAT PASSIONS WERE HIS FAMILY,  
10 OUTDOOR CAMPING, PROGRESSIVE POLITICS AND HIS LOVE FOR FOLK  
11 AND BLUES MUSIC. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL THOSE  
12 FORTUNATE TO HAVE KNOWN HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDY,  
13 HIS SON BEN, DAUGHTER EMILY, TWO SISTERS, JESSICA SCHRIVER AND  
14 ERICA GORDON, AND BY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND MANY FRIENDS.  
15 ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MENAHEM GOLAN, A  
16 LONGTIME FILMMAKER AND STUDIO EXECUTIVE WHO RECENTLY PASSED  
17 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85. GOLAN BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE EARLY  
18 1960S AS A PROTEGE OF THE KING OF B-MOVIES ROGER CORMAN, AND  
19 QUICKLY BRANCHED OUT INTO WRITING, DIRECTING AND PRODUCING ON  
20 HIS OWN. HE EVENTUALLY PRODUCED MORE THAN 200 FILMS, DIRECTING  
21 AND WRITING NEARLY 40 OF THEM. HIS WORK RANGED FROM ACTION AND  
22 EXPLOITATION FILMS LIKE THE "DEATH WISH" SEQUELS FOR THE  
23 PROFITABLE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, THE LIMITED RELEASE ART FILMS  
24 LIKE ADAPTATION OF DOSTOYEVSKY'S "CRIME AND PUNISHMENT" AND  
25 JEAN-LUC GODARD'S "KING LEAR." BORN IN TIBERIAS, ISRAEL IN

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1 WHAT WAS THEN BRITISH PALESTINE, HE BECAME A PILOT AND  
2 BOMBARDIER DURING THE 1948 WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, LATER STUDYING  
3 DRAMA IN LONDON AND FILM AT N.Y.U. BEFORE IMMIGRATING TO LOS  
4 ANGELES TO BREAK INTO THE MOVIE INDUSTRY. I GOT TO KNOW HIM A  
5 LITTLE BIT IN THE 1980S WHEN HE WAS AT HIS PEAK. AND HE WENT  
6 BACK TO ISRAEL AND DIED IN TEL AVIV JUST THE OTHER DAY. HE IS  
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY  
8 ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I KNOW MIKE ADJOURNED IN  
11 MEMORY OF ROBIN WILLIAMS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT ADJOURNMENT. I'D  
12 LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROBERT W. WHITE WHO  
13 WAS OUR FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
14 IN THE EARLY 1980S. HE PASSED AWAY ON THURSDAY WITH HIS FAMILY  
15 AT HIS SIDE. FOUGHT A VALIANT BATTLE WITH CANCER FOR THE LAST  
16 SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE PASSING AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86. HE'S  
17 SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS KEN AND GARY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN  
18 MEMORY OF HELEN FLORES WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 26TH AT THE  
19 YOUNG AGE OF 100. SHE WAS VERY INVOLVED IN HER CHURCH. SHE WAS  
20 A GIRL SCOUT LEADER FOR MANY YEARS. SHE ENJOYED HER TRIPS TO  
21 YOSEMITE AND VISITED MEXICO REGULARLY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
22 SON SAL, DAUGHTER MARY HELEN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, 12 GREAT  
23 GRANDCHILDREN, ONE GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILD. SHE'LL BE TRULY  
24 MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
25 MEMORY OF EDUARDO MANUEL GARCIA BETTER KNOWN AS "EDDIE."

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1 PASSED AWAY ON JULY 17TH AT A YOUNG AGE OF 60. HE OWNED A LAWN  
2 CARE BUSINESS FOR MANY YEARS. HE LOVED TO DANCE, ATTEND BULL  
3 FIGHTS, PLAY SOCCER, AND PARTICULARLY WAS KNOWN FOR HIS  
4 AMAZING COOKING. HE WILL BE MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.  
5 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN, MICHELLE, DEBBY AND  
6 EDDIE. SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, SIX SIBLINGS AS WELL AS MANY  
7 NIECES AND NEPHEWS. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. AND  
8 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. PUBLIC COMMENTS?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, LET ME STATE THAT I HAD CONTINUED  
11 ITEM NO. 2 ON THE NEW GOVERNANCE TO WORK WITH BILL FUJIOKA  
12 WHO'S INDICATED HE WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH OUR OFFICE ON THAT.  
13 SO WITH CATHERINE AND LORI, WE'LL WORK WITH BILL THIS WEEK.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HOWARD HERNANDEZ, ROBERT  
16 ROSEBROCK. IRENE PANG. CHRIS BANDA. FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS?

17

18 **HOWARD HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M A FORMER STATE COMMANDER  
19 WITH THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM--

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

22

23 **HOWARD HERNANDEZ:** LOS ANGELES COMMANDER OF THE G.I. FORUM. I'M  
24 HOWARD HERNANDEZ. AND CURRENTLY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY  
25 CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ADVOCACY AND TRAINING

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1 FOR OUR VETERANS. AND I AM A VIETNAM COMBAT VETERAN. THE  
2 SOLDIER ABOVE ALL OTHER MEN IS REQUIRED TO PRACTICE THE  
3 GREATEST ACT OF RELIGIOUS TRAINING. IN BATTLE AND IN THE FACE  
4 OF DANGER AND DEATH HE DISCLOSES THOSE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES HIS  
5 MAKER GAVE WHEN HE CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE. NO PHYSICAL  
6 COURAGE, NO BRUTE INSTINCT CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF THE DIVINE  
7 HELP WHICH HE ALONE CAN SUSTAIN HIM. HOWEVER HORRIBLE THE  
8 INCIDENTS OF WAR MAY BE, A SOLDIER WHO IS CALLED UPON TO OFFER  
9 HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY IS THE NOBLEST DEVELOPMENT OF  
10 MANKIND. THE SOLDIER ABOVE ALL OF THE PEOPLE PRAYS FOR PEACE  
11 FOR HE MUST SUFFER AND HEAR THE DEEPEST WOUND AND SCARS OF  
12 WAR. THAT IS THE SPEECH GIVEN ON DUTY AND HONOR BY DOUGLAS  
13 MACARTHUR. LOS ANGELES IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE UNITED  
14 STATES WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VETERANS. WE ALSO HAVE THE  
15 DUBIOUS DISTINCTIONS OF ALSO HAVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF  
16 DISABLED VETERANS. RECENTLY, MAYOR GARCETTI, IN COMPANY OF  
17 FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA, SIGNED ON TO THE COMMITMENT OF THE  
18 CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND ITS MEMBERS TO END HOMELESS VETERANS  
19 IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE END OF-- OR IN THE CITY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES BY THE END OF 2015. I HAVE MUCH MORE TO SAY. HOWEVER,  
21 I AM OUT OF TIME. AND I WILL ALLOW MR. ROSEBROCK.

22

23 **ROBERT ROSEBROCK:** THANK YOU. ROBERT ROSEBROCK, DIRECTOR OF THE  
24 OLD VETERANS GUARD, VIETNAM ERA VETERAN. I'M HERE AS A VOICE  
25 FOR THE VOICELESS, AND THAT'S THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF

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1 DISABLED HOMELESS VETERANS ON THE STREETS OF LOS ANGELES.  
2 THERE SHOULD NEVER BE A HOMELESS VETERAN IN THE LOS ANGELES  
3 COUNTY. OVER 125 YEARS AGO, NEARLY 600 ACRES OF LAND WAS  
4 DEEDED TO BE PERMANENTLY MAINTAINED AS A NATIONAL HOME FOR  
5 DISABLED SOLDIERS. TODAY WE'RE THE NATION'S CAPITAL FOR  
6 HOMELESS VETERANS. IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR, JUDGE OTERO ISSUED  
7 A FEDERAL JUDGMENT AGAINST THE V.A., AND A LAWSUIT WAS BROUGHT  
8 BY THE A.C.L.U. AGAINST SECRETARY SHINSEIKI AND THE LOCAL  
9 DIRECTOR DONNA BIDER. 9 ILLEGAL CONTRACTS ON THE VETERANS'  
10 LAND INCLUDING A PUBLIC PARK, U.C.L.A. BASEBALL STADIUM,  
11 BRENTWOOD PRIVATE SCHOOL, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. IN JANUARY  
12 OF THIS YEAR, I APPEARED BEFORE THE VETERANS ADVISORY  
13 COMMISSION ALL UNDER-- APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD. AND THEY  
14 AGREED TO A LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN ON MARCH 14TH OF THIS YEAR  
15 REQUESTING THIS BOARD TO SUPPORT THAT JUDGMENT AND TO OPPOSE  
16 THE APPEAL. FIVE MONTHS LATER ABSOLUTE SILENCE. I'M GOING THE  
17 TELL YOU, THIS IS DISGRACEFUL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO SAY.  
18 YOU CAN'T SIT ON THIS ANY LONGER. WE HAVE TWO VETERANS ON THIS  
19 BOARD. FOR GOD'S SAKES, STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF  
20 THE DISABLED HOMELESS VETERANS WHO WANT US TO HELP THEM. WE'RE  
21 THE VOICE OF THE VOICELESS. YOU HAD A 9-0 VOTE, AN INCREDIBLE  
22 MAJORITY FROM THE COMMISSIONERS. AND YOU'RE NOT RESPONDING.  
23 PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY AND VOTE ON THIS  
24 ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. LET US KNOW WHERE YOU STAND. THANK YOU.  
25

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE ALSO HAVE THAT ON THE AGENDA NEXT  
4    WEEK?

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT ON THE AGENDA NEXT WEEK, TO TAKE A  
7    POSITION ON AN APPEAL TO FEDERAL COURTS?

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION WAS FROM THE VETERANS' COMMISSION,  
10    PUT IT ON THE AGENDA SO WE COULD SEE WHAT THEY VOTED FOR. YOU  
11    HAVE A COMMISSION VOTING UNANIMOUSLY ON A POSITION.

12

13    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHAT.

14

15    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUT IT ON THE AGENDA, SO WE CAN SEE WHAT--

16

17    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL PUT IT ON THE AGENDA NEXT WEEK.

18

19    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

20

21    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

22

23    **CHRIS BANDA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS, HONORABLE BOARD  
24    MEMBERS, MY NAME IS CHRIS BANDA, I AM AN I.S.D. EMPLOYEE. I  
25    WAS A SUPERVISOR UP UNTIL LAST YEAR. I HAVE 34 YEARS WITH THE



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1 COUNTY. I CAME TO YOU TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY REGARDING SOME  
2 DISCRIMINATION ISSUES WHICH I FEEL NEED TO BE INVOLVED WITH  
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. LAST YEAR, FOR EXAMPLE, I WAS A  
4 SUPERVISOR AND I WAS ASKED TO HIRE A CANDIDATE FOR A POSITION.  
5 EVENTUALLY HE ENDED UP IN OUR ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT. AND WHEN  
6 IT TURNED OUT TO BE A SON OF ONE OF THE ENGINEERS. ANOTHER  
7 CANDIDATE I WAS ASKED TO HIRE, I COULDN'T SET UP AN INTERVIEW  
8 FOR. HE COULDN'T SEEM TO GET HIM TO SHOW UP. SO I WAS TOLD TO  
9 MAKE THAT A TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW. THAT CANDIDATE WAS ALSO  
10 HIRED. BOTH OF THESE CANDIDATES WERE PART OF THE SAME RACE.  
11 WE'RE GETTING A SECTION IN OUR UNIT, IN OUR DIVISION THAT IS  
12 STARTING TO BECOME JUST ONE RACE. LAST YEAR, BECAUSE OF MY  
13 COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE RACIAL HIRINGS, I WAS ASKED TO RESIGN MY  
14 POSITION AS SUPERVISOR. AND I WAS TOLD THAT THE ORDER CAME  
15 FROM MY DIVISION MANAGER TRI LEE AND MARK COLTON. LATER ON MY  
16 SECTION MANAGER TOLD ME THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLED INTO THE  
17 OFFICE OF MARTHA CERVANTES, I.S.D. H.R. MANAGER AND TOLD THAT  
18 IF HE DIDN'T GET ME OFF THE P.N.S.A. POSITION THAT HE WOULD BE  
19 DISCIPLINED, QUOTE, "UP TO AND INCLUDING TERMINATION." IN ONE  
20 OF THE SECTIONS WHERE ONE OF THE STUDENT WORKERS WORKS, I  
21 HAVEN'T SEEN A BLACK EMPLOYEE HIRED IN DECADES. AND SO I THINK  
22 IT'S TIME TO COME TO THE BOARD. AND EVEN IF YOU CAN'T GET MY  
23 POSITION BACK, EVEN IF I CAN'T HAVE MY POSITION RESTORED WITH  
24 BACK PAY OR ANY OF THAT STUFF, I HOPE THAT AT LEAST THIS  
25 PROBLEM IS ADDRESSED AND REPAIRED BY THE BOARD, OKAY? SO IF

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1 YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, MY PHONE NUMBER IS 323-218-1435. THANK  
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S HAVE OUR C.E.O. INVESTIGATE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SURE. OKAY. THANK YOU. IRENE, IRENE,  
7 WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. I KNOW YOU GET GOING AND WON'T STOP.  
8 FRANCISCO JUAREZ. ROBERT LUCAS. RAJPAL KAHN AND LORI MARTIN  
9 WILL BE THE NEXT FOUR? GO AHEAD. IRENE.

10

11 **IRENE PANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S IRENE. COUNT ON THE  
12 CREDIT OF MY FAMILY MEMBER AND ME. I NEED THE ASSIST OF THE  
13 SAFETY TO MY HOME AND THEY NEED WORKING AND LIVING TO MY  
14 FAMILY MEMBER BUT ON THE GOVERNMENTS I AM SURE THERE ARE  
15 MILITARY CONTROL THE TOWNS THE FOUR OF THE LANDS ON ACCESSORY.  
16 THE RIGHT POSITION TAKE THE POSITION ONLY FOR UNITED STATES  
17 GOVERNMENT. I'M U.S. CITIZEN AND GOOD RESIDENT SHOULD PUNISHED  
18 BY THE LAW. DO THE U.S. VICTIMS HAD \_\_\_\_\_ ON THEIR OWN LAND OF  
19 THE U.S. I NEED MY CAR AND MY BELONGINGS. ALSO MY FAMILY  
20 PROPERTIES AND THE POSITION AND SAFETY COVERAGE. THREE, IT IS  
21 BETTER TO BUILD A BOTH LOCATED ON THE TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION  
22 TOWER SYSTEM TO PROTECT ALL THE INFORMATION OF U.S. AMERICANS  
23 AND GOOD RESIDENTS DO THEIR BEST TO SUPPORT AND ASSIST THE  
24 PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN DONE HELPING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.  
25 THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

3

4 **FRANCISCO JUAREZ:** SUPERVISORS THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME. THIS IS  
5 FOR GEORGE MARTINEZ AND STEVE PALMER. AND THANK YOU FOR  
6 BRINGING THE MATTER OF--

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND YOU ARE?

9

10 **FRANCISCO JUAREZ:** MY NAME IS FRANCISCO JUAREZ, UNITED STATES  
11 MARINE CORPS, 1968. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THE MATTER TO THE  
12 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, REGARDING THE HOME. THAT WILL  
13 HELP ME CUT TO CHASE. THERE ARE ISSUES WHAT APPEARS TO BE A  
14 DELIBERATE FIVE-MONTH STALL IN THE PROTOCOL THAT SHOULD HAVE  
15 BROUGHT EACH OF YOU THE UNANIMOUS ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT OF  
16 JUDGE OTERO'S RULING. BECAUSE THE APPEAL PROCESS HAS STARTED,  
17 VETERAN ADVOCATES ACROSS THIS NATION BEYOND YOUR RESPECTIVE  
18 VENUES ARE WAITING ON YOUR TRUE SUPPORT OF VETERANS AND THEY  
19 EXPRESS TOTAL DISMAY IN THE DELAY AND INACTION, LABELING IT  
20 DISGRACEFUL. I SUBMIT TO YOU THIS LETTER OF THOMAS CORDELL,  
21 VETERAN ADVOCATE FOR THE CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK VETERAN HOME OR  
22 GROUPS LIKE THE OLD VETERAN GUARD, VETERANS SERVING VETERANS  
23 AND OPERATION FIRING FOR EFFECT ALSO CHALLENGE THE LAND GRAB.  
24 REFERENCING THE ONCE GREAT DIVIDE, HE PUTS THE SERIOUSNESS OF  
25 THE SITUATION INTO PERSPECTIVE. SINCE THE ILLEGAL COME INTO

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1 PLAY BY ALLOWING NON V.A. ENTITIES USAGE OF THE SACRED  
2 PROPERTIES, THERE'S NOTHING RIGHT OR PROPER ABOUT IT. IT IS  
3 DISGRACEFUL. THE GOVERNMENT OWNS THE COST OF WAR AFTER THE  
4 YEARS, AFTER THE MONEY WAS SPENT FOR WEAPONS TO ENGAGE IN WAR.  
5 THE GOVERNMENT OWES THE VETERAN WHO STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE TO  
6 DEFEND THIS COUNTRY THAT THROUGH SACRED TRUST, PROMISED THE  
7 VERY BEST MEDICAL CARE THIS COUNTRY CAN PROVIDE. YOU ARE A  
8 VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE GOVERNMENT. THERE IS NO MORE GREAT  
9 DIVIDE. WE ARE FINALLY UNITED AS IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS  
10 BOARD PROTECTED TODAY GARDENS AS DEEDED BUT IT SEEMS TO BE  
11 OVERLOOKING THE DEED OF THE HOME. AND WE'RE ASKING YOU TO TAKE  
12 A SERIOUS LOOK AT THAT.

13  
14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

15  
16 **FRANCISCO JUAREZ:** FINALLY FROM SOMEBODY WHO PROTECTED  
17 VETERANS, NANOO-NANOO.

18  
19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

20  
21 **ROBERT LUCAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME'S ROBERT LUCAS. I WAS  
22 HERE LAST WEEK AND I INTRODUCED MYSELF A LITTLE BIT TO YOU AND  
23 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I SAY THAT WHEN PEOPLE COME UP AND SUGGEST  
24 THINGS TO THIS BOARD, I'VE WITNESSED THE RESOURCES OF THIS  
25 COUNTY AND IT IS TRULY IMPRESSIVE, SO BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU LOOK

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1 FOR. THIS IS FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR THOMAS,  
2 BECAUSE I'M NOT COMPLETELY SURE ON THE LOGISTICS IN THE LOS  
3 ANGELES AREA THAT I'M ADDRESSING YOU ABOUT. THE CENTRAL  
4 L.A.P.D.. DIVISION DOWN THERE, CAPTAIN ORB AND LIEUTENANT  
5 MUNOZ HAVE ENACTED SOME FOOT BEAT PATROL DOWN ON THE SKID ROW  
6 AREA. AND I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW IMPRESSIVE IT IS. THEY ARE  
7 TRULY TAKING STEPS TO BUILD COMMUNITY. AND DOWN THERE, IT  
8 TAKES QUITE AN EFFORT. IT MAKES ME SO HAPPY. I'VE DECIDED TO  
9 BECOME A PART OF THE SOLUTION INSTEAD OF BEING BURIED UNDER IT  
10 BECAUSE I HAVE A PATH FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I HAD AN ISSUE AT  
11 PERSHING SQUARE WITH A LADY THAT'S RESPONSIBLE FOR  
12 REPRESENTING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH SOME OF THE EVENTS  
13 THAT GO ON THERE. I ALSO WENT THROUGH HUSSAR AND WAS DIRECTED  
14 TO HIS FIELD DEPUTY WHO AFTER 11-- OR 7 WEEKS OF TRYING TO GET  
15 A PHONE CALL CONTACT FELL SHORT. WHEN IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT I  
16 LEAVE IT ALONE AND WALK AWAY, I GLADLY DID THAT UNTIL I WAS  
17 DOWNTOWN ENJOYING THE PARADE AND THE FESTIVITIES OF THIS LAST  
18 WEEKEND AND AGAIN ENCOUNTERED A REPRESENTATIVE OF LOS ANGELES  
19 THAT WAS ANYTHING BUT INVITING AND FRIENDLY. AND THIS WAS  
20 AFTER COMMUNICATING WITH SOME OF HER EMPLOYEES. I NEED SOME  
21 HELP IN ADDRESSING THIS. I WILL NEXT PETITION AND PICKET BUT I  
22 NEED TO RESOLVE THIS. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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1   **LORI MARTIN:** HELLO. LORI MARTIN FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY. C.E.O.  
2   FUJIOKA, I'M SORRY TO HEAR YOU ARE LEAVING. YOU ARE PROBABLY  
3   ONE OF THE BETTER THINGS THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE COUNTY,  
4   BELIEVE IT OR NOT. IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THESE FIVE TIED YOUR  
5   HANDS. MR. ANTONOVICH, I'M ALSO SORRY TO SEE YOU LEAVE. THE  
6   OTHER TWO, THEY CAN GO. THEY'RE OUT OF HERE. QUITE HONESTLY,  
7   GETTING RID OF COUNTY COUNSEL KRATTLI WAS PROBABLY THE BEST  
8   MOVE THAT THIS COUNTY COULD HAVE MADE. HE IS BAD FOR BUSINESS,  
9   BAD FOR BUSINESS BY ATTACKING PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF WHO JUST  
10   DON'T HAVE THAT COVER BUT WE DO HAVE A BRAIN IN HERE. IT'S  
11   QUITE UNFORTUNATE TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT THESE GENTLEMEN WITH THE  
12   V.A. ARE TALKING ABOUT. I SEE IT EVERY TIME I COME INTO L.A.  
13   COUNTY. THE SUSTENANCE OF HOMELESS JUST STARTING TO LINE UP  
14   MORE AND MORE AND MORE. AND I'VE SEEN SMALL STREETS FULL OF  
15   THEM TURN INTO VERY LONG BLOCKS FULL OF THEM. I APOLOGIZE FOR  
16   ASSUMING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST MR. YAROSLAVSKY. BUT HOW  
17   CONSTITUTIONAL IS IT WHEN DEPENDENCY COURT, THAT IS ALL WE GO  
18   BY. WE DON'T GO BY A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE. WE ASSUME  
19   ALLEGATIONS ARE TRUE UNTIL WE PROVE OTHERWISE. I THOUGHT IT  
20   WAS INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY. AND NOW MY SON HAS BEEN  
21   LEFT, AS I'VE TOLD YOU NUMEROUS TIMES, WITH SOMEBODY CONVICTED  
22   OF MANSLAUGHTER. THE OTHER PARTY NUMEROUS DRUG OFFENSES. AND  
23   ACTUALLY WAS BAKER-ACTED ON 11/25/02 IN NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL.  
24   THIS IS DISGUSTING THAT THESE ISSUES KEEP ARISING AND KEEP  
25   ARISING AND THEY'RE NEVER REMEDIED. I DON'T DO THIS FOR

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1 POLITICAL ACTIVISM. I DO THIS FOR MY CHILD. I WAS NOT PLAYING  
2 GAMES WITH THIS COUNTY WHEN I SAID I WILL HIT YOU WITH  
3 EVERYTHING I'VE GOT AND I STILL GOT SOME MORE COMING. HAVE A  
4 GREAT DAY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

7

8 **RAJPAL KAHLON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND  
9 COUNTY COUNSEL. MY NAME IS RAJPAL KAHLON. I'M FROM THE FIFTH  
10 DISTRICT. THIS IS A FOLLOW FROM THE MAY 20TH, I WAS HERE ON  
11 THE PUBLIC COMMENT. FROM THE BOARD'S RULES AND REGULATIONS,  
12 MR. ANTONOVICH, I GAVE YOU THE PAPER LAST TIME AND HERE'S THE  
13 COPY AGAIN. CAN YOU PLEASE GIVE EVERYBODY ONE? AND ALSO FOR  
14 THE COUNTY COUNSEL. MR. ANTONOVICH AND DR. FIELDING HAVE MADE  
15 SOME DECISIONS TO CHANGE SOME POLICY WITHOUT INFORMING THE  
16 ENTIRE BOARD AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL. TODAY MR.-- DR. FIELDING,  
17 HE IS RETIRE, BUT I HAVE A LETTER FROM HIM. ABOUT SEVEN YEARS  
18 AGO AS OF TODAY HE HAVE NOT DELIVERED HIS PROMISE. AND SAME  
19 THING WITH MR. ANTONOVICH. HE JUST KEEP GIVING US A RUN AROUND  
20 AND NOTHING'S GETTING DONE. LAST TIME WHEN I WAS HERE, YOU SAY  
21 IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE FOR THE HAUL WATER. THERE'S NOT  
22 EVEN A SINGLE CASE OF PROBLEM WE HAVE THERE. NOW YOU ARE  
23 SAYING WE HAVE WATER SHORTAGE. OF COURSE THERE IS A WATER  
24 SHORTAGE. WHEN WE DRILL A A WELL, YOU ARE GIVING US A 72-HOUR  
25 WELL TEST SHOWING 7 GALLONS PER MINUTE. THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE



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1 WATER PROBLEM. ALSO MR. YAROSLAVSKY, ON 2003, JULY 15TH YOU  
2 MAKE A COMMENT YOU MAKE A COMMENT ABOUT HAUL WATER COMPARING  
3 WITH MILK AND JUICE, IS OKAY TO HAUL BUT NOT WATER. YOU ARE  
4 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. SO I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ALLOW MILK OR JUICE  
5 TO HAUL, BUT NOT WATER. SO WE ARE STUCK FROM 10 YEARS. AND  
6 NEED SOME KIND OF SATISFACTION AND SOMETHING NEED TO BE DONE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MELINDA WAITE?

9

10 **RAJPAL KAHLON:** CAN I HAVE ONE MINUTE, PLEASE?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JESUS HILARIO, JABRIEL MUHAMMAD, DENISE  
13 PAZ. YOU ARE THE NEXT FOUR. SIR, YOU CAN TALK TO MR.  
14 ANTONOVICH'S STAFF OVER THERE. MELINDA WAITE. JESUS HILARIO,  
15 JABRIEL MUHAMMAD AND DENISE PAZ. GO AHEAD, PLEASE.

16

17 **MELINDA WAITE:** IN HIS BOOK, "A CULTURE OF FEAR," RETIRED  
18 D.C.F.S. SOCIAL WORKER JULIAN DOMINGUEZ L.M.F.T. AND MELINDA  
19 MURPHY M.A., DISCUSS V.T., VICARIOUS TRAUMATIZATION, AND ITS  
20 IMPACT ON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. THE WORKERS END UP  
21 PERSONALLY DAMAGED BY THE TERRIBLE WORK THEY ARE DOING. THEIR  
22 CORE BELIEFS ABOUT THEMSELVES AND OTHER, AND THEIR OTHER WORLD  
23 VIEWS BECOME DRAMATICALLY SKEWED. THEIR WORK LIVES AS HELPING  
24 OTHERS-- THEIR WORK LIVES AS HELPING OTHERS WERE CAUSING  
25 TREMENDOUS DISRUPTION, PAIN, CONFUSION FOR THEIR LOVED ONES

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1 WHO FOUND THEMSELVES ASKING: WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US AND TO  
2 YOU? IN SHORT THEIR WORK IN HELPING A TRAUMATIZED POPULATION  
3 WAS INVADING AND IN MANY, MANY CASES DESTROYING THEIR PERSONAL  
4 LIVES. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE HYPER- VIGILANCE, INSOMNIA, ANXIETY,  
5 AVOIDANCE BEHAVIORS, WITHDRAWAL, INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS AND/OR  
6 IMAGES, RELIVING PERCEIVED OR EXPERIENCED TRAUMAS, RECURRENT  
7 DISTRESSING DREAMS, ACTING OR FEELING AS IF THE TRAUMATIC  
8 EVENTS WERE RECURRING, FEELING OF DETACHMENT, SENSE OF  
9 FORESHORTENED FUTURE, DIFFICULTY WITH MEMORY OR CONCENTRATION.  
10 DOMINGUEZ RESEARCHED THE QUESTION OF V.T. AND FOUND MANY OF  
11 THE SOCIAL WORKERS AND HELPING PROFESSIONALS ARE NOT AWARE OF  
12 THE V.T. IMPACT. OUR AGENCIES NEED TO TAKE COMPREHENSIVE AND  
13 MEANINGFUL APPRAISAL OF THIS CLEAR AND UNQUESTIONABLY PROFOUND  
14 EFFECT ON THE HELPING PROFESSIONALS. THERE IS AN ENTIRE  
15 CHAPTER IN "THE CULTURE OF FEAR" DEVOTED TO THE STEPS AND WHAT  
16 STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO DEVELOP ANY-- A PERSONALIZED SELF-CARE  
17 STRATEGY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **MELINDA WAITE:** THERE ARE THREE COPIES. AND WE HAVE COPIES.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL MAKE SURE WE  
24 GET THE COPIES. NEXT?

25

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1 **DENISE PAZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DENISE PAZ. WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT  
2 YOUR AGENCY D.C. F.S. HAS BEEN CITED FOR DISCIPLINE IN MANY  
3 MORE THAN ONE CHILD'S DEATH CASE. IF THERE IS REALLY GOING TO  
4 BE A MAJOR CHANGE IN D.C.F.S., YOU NEED TO STOP PERPETRATING  
5 THE FRAUD AND STOP ALLOWING THIS DESPICABLE ABOMINATION OF  
6 D.C.F.S. SO THIS INVOLVES FIRING AND PROSECUTING SOME PEOPLE,  
7 NOT JUST A SLAP ON THE WRIST. WE HOPE THAT THE B.R.C. CAN  
8 REALLY RESTRUCTURE THIS BROKEN SYSTEM. WE GOT HOMELESSNESS, A  
9 CHILD SHOWING UP WITH A BLACK EYE AT A D.C.F.S. OFFICE, MENTAL  
10 ILLNESS, FOSTER CHILDREN BEING ADOPTED OUT IN A HOME THAT  
11 HOUSES HIGH CONTROL PAROLEES AND EVEN EARLY DEATH. NOW A YOUNG  
12 LITTLE GIRL FORCED TO EAT FOOD FROM THE TRASH CAN BY HER  
13 FOSTER CUSTODIAN. WHAT DO WE CALL THIS? PLEASE, REVIEW THE  
14 FACTS OF THIS INCIDENT THAT WAS TAKEN PLACE AT THE WRAP-AROUND  
15 FACILITY IN MAR VISTA. WE ARE REQUESTING ONCE AGAIN TO PLEASE  
16 AUDIT ALL CASEWORKERS' NOTES. THANK YOU.

17  
18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

19  
20 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS JABRIEL  
21 MUHAMMAD FOR BISMILLAH, THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. FIRST OF ALL I'D  
22 LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M OBJECTING TO THE EARLY ADJOURNMENT. IT IS  
23 OUT OF ORDER. AND IT SEEMS THAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE PERSISTENT  
24 IN BEING OUT OF ORDER. HOWEVER, WE CAN COLLABORATE SO  
25 CONSISTENTLY IN BEING OUT OF ORDER AS COLLEAGUES, BUT WHEN WE

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1 HAVE SOMETHING AS SINCERE AND AS SERIOUS AS PUBLIC OVERSIGHT,  
2 WE HAVE A TENDENCY TO FAIL TO COLLABORATE. I WITNESSED  
3 SOMETHING, I WAS DISAPPOINTED. I COULDN'T BELIEVE ANTONOVICH,  
4 I COULDN'T BELIEVE DON KNABE, I COULDN'T BELIEVE, YAROSLAVSKY,  
5 LAST WEEK WHEN I SAW THEM VOTE AGAINST THE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT.  
6 WHEN EVERYONE KNOWS THE FORMULA WAS FOR MR. HUNTSMAN TO  
7 REPORT, TO BE ABLE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SUPERVISORS. BUT  
8 IT'S MY OPINION THAT MR. HUNTSMAN SHOULD REPORT DIRECTLY TO  
9 THE PUBLIC OVERSIGHT AND THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD TAKE UPON THE  
10 RESPONSIBILITY OF COMING TOGETHER WITH AN ORGANIZED EFFORT TO,  
11 HOW CAN I SAY, OVERSIGHT THE ATTITUDES AND THE ACTIVITIES NOT  
12 ONLY OF THE SUPERVISORS BUT OF MR. HUNTSMAN HIMSELF? SO I JUST  
13 WANT TO VOICE MY DISCONTENT AND THE LEGACY THAT YOU CHOOSE TO  
14 LEAVE FOR YOURSELF AS YOU'RE STEPPING OUT, YOU HAD OPPORTUNITY  
15 TO LIKE REALLY CLENCH A FIST FOR THE SAKE OF JUSTICE DURING  
16 YOUR TERM. AND ON YOUR WAY OUT, YOU SORT OF LIKE FADED OUT.  
17 AND THAT'S NOT FOR THOSE THAT VOTED. I'M NOT SPEAKING TO MISS  
18 MOLINA. I'M JUST SPEAKING IN TERMS OF HOW DISAPPOINTED I WAS  
19 AND MR. ANTONOVICH. AND MR. KNABE. AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'LL  
22 CALL JOHN WALSH, PATRICK O'ROURKE, ERIC PREVEN AND ARNOLD  
23 SACHS?

24

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1   **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** EXCUSE ME. YOUR SECURITY GUARD WON'T GO  
2   AHEAD AND BACK OFF A LITTLE BIT. MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE.  
3   AND LET ME START THE TONE OF THIS MEETING WITH THIS. FROM  
4   GALILEO AND THEN CARL SAGAN. I DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED TO  
5   BELIEVE THAT THE SAME GOD WHO HAS ENDOWED US WITH SENSE,  
6   REASON AND INTELLECT HAS INTENDED US TO FORGO THEIR USE.  
7   SECOND ONE, ONE OF THE SADDEST LESSONS OF HISTORY IS THIS: IF  
8   WE HAVE BEEN BAMBOOZLED LONG ENOUGH, WE TEND TO REJECT ANY  
9   EVIDENCE OF THE BAMBOOZLE. THE BAMBOOZLE HAS CAPTURED US. ONCE  
10   YOU GIVE A CHARLATAN POWER OVER YOU, YOU ALMOST NEVER GET IT  
11   BACK. YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. ALL THE CORRUPTION IN  
12   D.C.F.S. YOU GUYS HAVE EVIDENCE COMING OUT YOUR KEISTERS,  
13   COMING OUT YOUR EARS, COMING OUT EVERY SINGLE DISGUSTING  
14   ORIFICE THAT SITS UP THERE. I'VE NEVER SEEN A BOARD, A GROUP  
15   OF PEOPLE SO BLATANTLY HOSTILE TO THE PUBLIC THAT COMES UP  
16   HERE AND BRINGS EVIDENCE OF CORRUPTION AND MALFEASANCE SO  
17   HOSTILELY TREATED AS THIS BOARD DOES THE PEOPLE AND THE  
18   PATRONS AND THE VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY. WE REPRESENT THOUSANDS  
19   OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME UP HERE, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE A CORE  
20   GROUP THAT COMES UP HERE RESPONSIBLY DAY IN AND DAY OUT  
21   DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISRESPECT US. ALL THE  
22   EVIDENCE. ALL THE EVIDENCE HAS BEEN PRESENTED BEFORE THIS  
23   BOARD HAS BEEN NEGLIGENTLY AND FRAUDULENTLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY  
24   DENOUNCED, DENIED AND-- YOU JUST REJECT US. YOU'RE-- YOU'RE--  
25   I CAN'T EVEN THINK OF THE WORDS, I CAN'T SPEAK THE WORDS

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1 BECAUSE THEY'RE SO HOSTILE. BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS THIS: YOU  
2 NEED TO GO AHEAD AND CHECK YOUR SIDE OF THE STREET. MY SIDE OF  
3 THE STREET IS CLEAN. THESE PEOPLE'S SIDE OF THE STREET IS  
4 CLEAN. CLEAN UP YOUR SIDE OF THE STREET AND STOP BEING SUCH--

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW.

7

8 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** AND IF YOU WANT ME NOT TO BE HOSTILE THEN DO  
9 THE RIGHT THING. STOP BEING BIASED. STOP TREATING US BADLY.

10

11 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.  
12 THERE'S OUR PAGE RIGHT THERE. OR YOU CAN GO STRAIGHT JWALSH  
13 CONFIDENTIAL OR YOU CAN SEE OUR TWEETS @HOLLYWOODDEMS. TODAY  
14 IS AN IMPORTANT DAY FOR MANY OF YOU OUT THERE. IT'S AN  
15 ELECTION DAY. IF YOU'RE IN THE L.A.U.S.D. DISTRICT, THE FIVE  
16 TO ONE CHANCE THAT TODAY IS AN ELECTION DAY FOR YOU. CHECK IT  
17 OUT. DID YOU GET ANY MAIL? DID YOU GET ANY VICIOUS, UGLY, SEX-  
18 DRIPPING CRAP FROM THE OPPONENT OF THE NEXT SCHOOL BOARD  
19 MEMBER, THE HONORABLE MR. MCKENNA? GO OUT AND VOTE FOR MR.  
20 MCKENNA. AND WHEN YOU DO THIS, YOU WILL EFFECTIVELY, WHEN  
21 MCKENNA WINS, AND HE WILL WIN AGAINST THIS GENTLEMAN FROM THE  
22 BRONX THAT'S RUNNING AGAINST HIM. I LEFT THE BRONX IN 1966.  
23 THIS GUY LEFT THE BRONX ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO TO WORK  
24 FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S POSITION AS AN  
25 AFRICAN-AMERICAN LEADER FLIES OUT THE WINDOW TONIGHT WHEN HE

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1 HAS STAKED HIS ENTIRE POLITICAL REPUTATION ON THE OPPONENT OF  
2 MR. MCKENNA. IT ISN'T GOING TO BE 52-48. I WOULDN'T BE  
3 SURPRISED IF IT'S 60 PERCENT. AND THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO WILL  
4 VOTE FOR HIS MR. MCKENNA'S OPPOSITION WILL BE PEOPLE NOT OF  
5 COLOR, BECAUSE HE IS THE WHITE CANDIDATE. VOTE TODAY. VOTE  
6 NOW. AND THEN GO TO HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR THE  
7 CELEBRATION. I'LL GIVE YOU BACK THE TWO SECONDS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DAVID SERRANO, IF YOU'LL JOIN  
10 US?

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM  
13 DISTRICT 3. AND I THINK MR. WALSH WAS REFERRING TO THE  
14 L.A.U.S.D. DISTRICT 1 ELECTION BETWEEN ALEX JOHNSON AND MR.  
15 MCKENNA, AND THAT WILL BE RESOLVED SOMETIME TODAY. I DON'T  
16 THINK THERE'S BEEN A RESOLUTION YET. SO I DO THINK IT'S  
17 IMPORTANT TO VOTE. I THINK THEY ARE EXPECTING 1 OUT OF 10  
18 VOTERS TO SHOW UP, WHICH IT'S OF COURSE GREAT CONCERN. IN THE  
19 COUNTY SUPERVISOR ELECTION THAT IS COMING FORWARD IN NOVEMBER,  
20 IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT EACH OF THE CANDIDATES WILL  
21 WRITE A CHECK FOR \$15,400 IN ORDER TO GET THEIR NAME AND  
22 STATEMENT DESCRIBED INTO THE BALLOT. THAT'S UP FROM THE  
23 \$18,000 THAT THEY PAID FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION. IT'S JUST AN  
24 INTERESTING LITTLE FOOTNOTE. WE DO SPEND A FAIR AMOUNT ON THE  
25 ELECTIONS AND WE'RE HOPING TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT GETS MORE



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1     TURNOUT GOING. I KNOW THAT EVERYBODY HERE SUPPORTS ROBUST  
2     VOTER TURNOUT, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE CONSTANTLY DECRYING HOW  
3     NOBODY COMES OUT. ITEM C.S.-3 IS LOOKING FOR A COUNTY COUNSEL  
4     AND THESE ARE OBVIOUSLY SENSITIVE TIMES. RICK WEISS, WHO IS  
5     SITTING IN THE BIG CHAIR RIGHT NOW, HAS BEEN THE CHIEF DEPUTY  
6     BEFORE, I BELIEVE. YOU KNOW, I THINK WE SHOULD BE FINDING  
7     FRESH EYES, AS I SAID BEFORE HISTORICALLY. I THINK WE SHOULD  
8     BE FINDING AN ATTORNEY WHO UNDERSTANDS THIS DIFFICULT BALANCE  
9     BETWEEN REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' INTERESTS AND  
10    OF COURSE THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE COUNTY ITSELF.  
11    AND THAT IS AN AREA WHERE I THINK, FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY YOU ASK  
12    MR. WEISS FOR HIS OPINION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS  
13    AUTHORITY TO DO FOUR OUT OF FIVE VOTES. AND THEN IT CAME BACK  
14    THAT WELL, THE BOARD COULD ALWAYS UNDO THAT BY SIMPLY CHANGING  
15    THE WHOLE POLICY INSIDE, WHICH THAT 4/5 VOTES LIVES. I THINK  
16    THERE'S ANOTHER OPINION THERE. THERE'S MORE THAN ONE OPINION  
17    ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE WAY TO SORT OF  
18    CORNER THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS EXTRACTED  
19    SOMETHING FOR IT TO GIVE HIS SUPPORT AND THEY ALL DO, BUT THAT  
20    WAS UPSETTING TO ME. FINALLY I WANT TO TALK ABOUT ITEM NO. 26-  
21    - WELL NOT 26. THE ITEM THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE MUSSEL PROBLEM  
22    IN LAKE CASTAIC. WE'RE REACHING OUT, WE'RE GETTING ABOUT 1.7  
23    MILLION. NO TIME TO GO OVER BRIEFLY?  
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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. THANKS. THANK YOU. TALK TO MR.  
2    ANTONOVICH'S STAFF ABOUT MUSSELS. MR. SACHS?

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4    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
5    AND YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING THE EDITORIAL, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS  
6    ON GEORGE NICHOLAW FROM K.N.X. WERE PRETTY OF RIGHT ON,  
7    SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SURPRISINGLY. WHEREAS THE VOICE FOR  
8    NEWSPAPERS AND EDITORIALS HAS GONE THAT ALLOWS YOU TO GOOSE  
9    STEP, ALLOWS THIS BOARD TO GOOSE STEP OVER PUBLIC POLICY,  
10    PUBLIC INPUT? YOU KNOW, YOU KNOW YOU WERE THE CHAIRPERSON OF  
11    THE BOARD, YOU PUT ON THE AGENDA A MOTION TO CHANGE PUBLIC  
12    INPUT TO THREE MINUTES FOR THE MEETING. AND YOU HELD IT, NEVER  
13    VOTED ON IT. AND YET WHEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS BECAME  
14    CHAIRPERSON, LO AND BEHOLD IT WAS NEVER PUT ON THE AGENDA. IT  
15    WAS JUST CHANGED. GOOSE STEPPING RIGHT ALONG. AND PEOPLE WRITE  
16    THAT IT DOESN'T AFFECT PUBLIC COMMENT, NOT REALIZING THAT  
17    PUBLIC COMMENT IS JUST AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA. YOU HAVE AN  
18    AVERAGE OF MAYBE 50, 55 ITEMS ON YOUR AGENDA, AND YOU GET  
19    THREE MINUTES. THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE COUNTRY. 10 MILLION  
20    PEOPLE, AND YOU GET THREE MINUTES. SO YOU'RE GOOSE STEPPING.  
21    AND SO YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT. WE NEED SOME EDITORIAL PEOPLE TO  
22    STEP UP AND SAY WHAT'S WRONG. AND THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE GETS  
23    SO UPSET WHEN WE USED METRO AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE FISCAL  
24    IRRESPONSIBILITY WHILE THE SAME FIVE MEMBERS SIT HERE AND CROW  
25    ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL THEY ARE AS FAR AS BEING FISCALLY

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1 RESPONSIBLE. HOW CAN THAT BE? YOU KNOW NEXT MONTH MY BUS PASS  
2 IS GOING UP \$40. HOW MUCH IS YOUR BUS PASS GOING UP, SIR? ARE  
3 YOU PAYING? YOU AIN'T PAYING. WHERE'S THE FISCAL  
4 RESPONSIBILITY? WHERE'S THE BILLION DOLLARS FROM MEASURE R  
5 THAT YOU ALL PUSHED? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PUSHED IT. YOU SHOULD  
6 HAVE JUST SHOVED IT.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OH, YOU'RE SO KIND. ALL RIGHT. FOR OUR  
9 BENEDICTION.

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11 **DAVID SERRANO:** LORD GOD ALMIGHTY IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND  
12 THE HOLY SPIRIT. THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE, AMEN,  
13 HALLELUJAH. THE LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST, CREATED HEAVEN AND THE  
14 UNIVERSE, AMEN, PRAISE THE LORD. ETERNAL JESUS WAS CONCEIVED  
15 BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, AND CHRIST WAS BORN OF  
16 THE SANCTIFIED VIRGIN MARY. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST NEVER  
17 SINNED. JESUS PREACHED THE WORD OF GOD AND HE FORGAVE PEOPLE'S  
18 SINS. THE LORD JESUS CURED LEPROSY. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
19 CURED CRIPPLED PEOPLE INSTANTLY. THE ETERNAL SON OF GOD REALLY  
20 RAISED DEAD PEOPLE TO LIFE. INNOCENT JESUS DIED FOR OUR SINS  
21 ON THE CROSS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE WAS BURIED AND THEN ON THE  
22 THIRD DAY, JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB,  
23 AMEN. THEN JESUS CHRIST APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES  
24 OVER THE COURSE OF 40 DAYS AND JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO  
25 HEAVEN. THE LORD JESUS IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF INFINITE GOD

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1 THE FATHER ALMIGHTY IN THE KINGDOM OF THE MOST HIGH. AMEN,  
2 PRAISE THE LORD. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH  
3 FAITH IN JESUS. CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE  
4 KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN. CHRISTIANS RECEIVE LIFE EVERLASTING  
5 WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. UNBELIEVERS  
6 DIE AND RECEIVE THE PENALTY FOR THEIR OWN SINS. UNBELIEVERS  
7 DIE AND BURN IN FIERY SHEOL HADES. REPENT AND BELIEVE REALITY.  
8 JESUS CHRIST IS GOD. AND THEN YOU SHALL RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE  
9 WITH GOD IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AMEN, PRAISE THE LORD. HAVE A  
10 NICE DAY AND MAY GOD BLESS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AMEN.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AMEN TO THAT.

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14 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
15 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
16 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,  
17 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,  
18 ITEM NO. C.S.-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING  
19 SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION. ITEM NO. C.S.-3, PUBLIC  
20 EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF  
21 COUNTY COUNSEL AND ITEM NO. C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD  
22 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.  
23 THANK YOU.

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